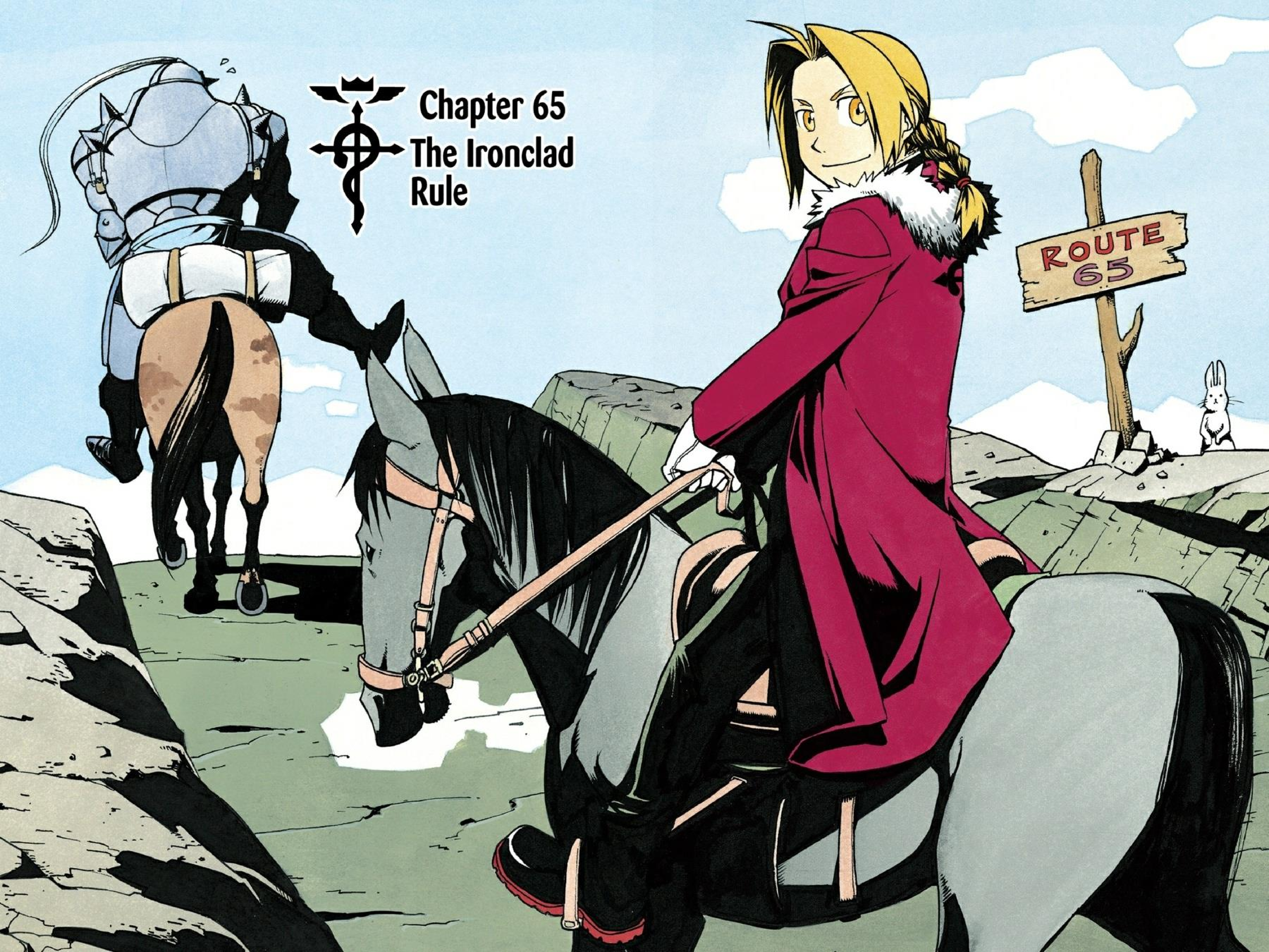




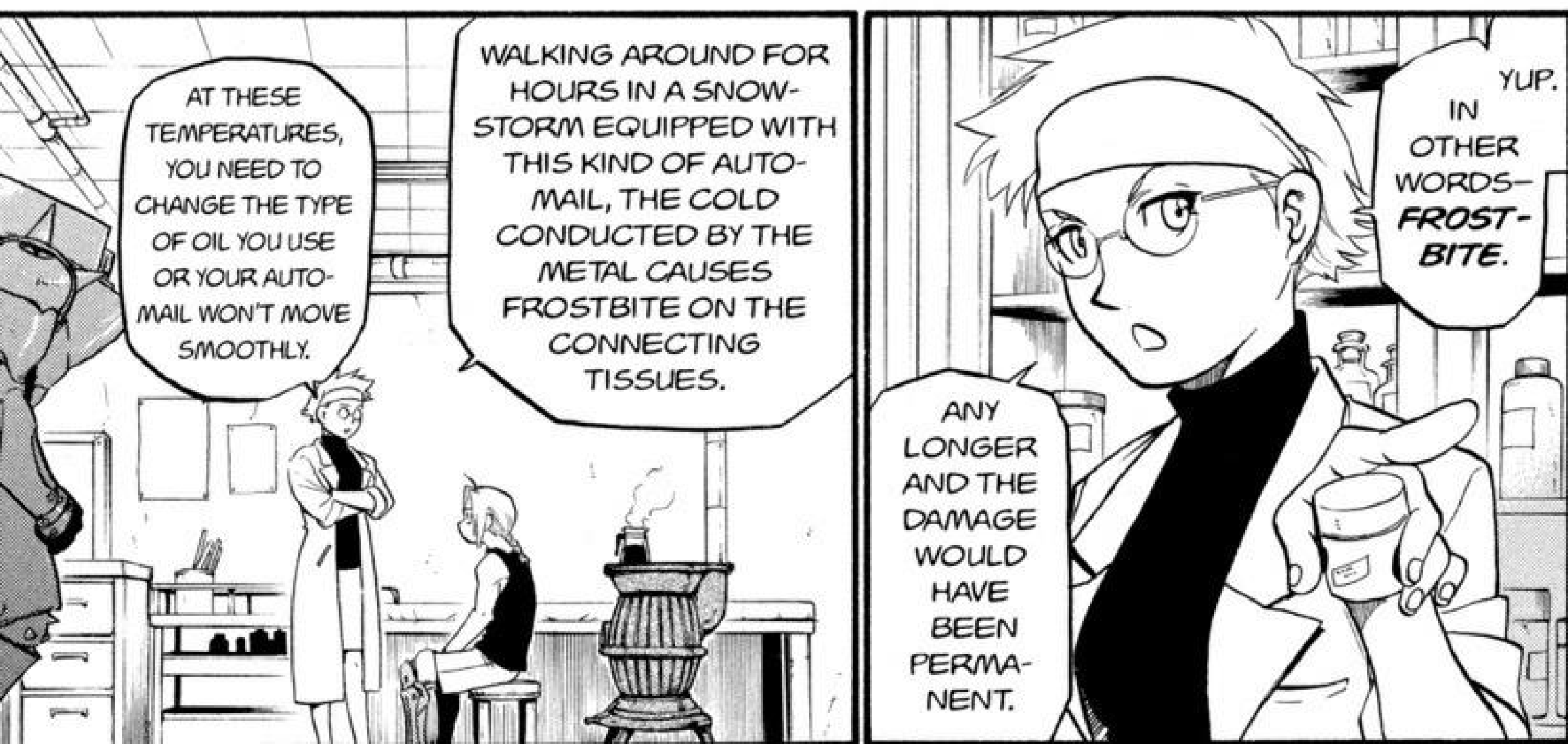


Chapter 65

The Ironclad Rule









HMH ?

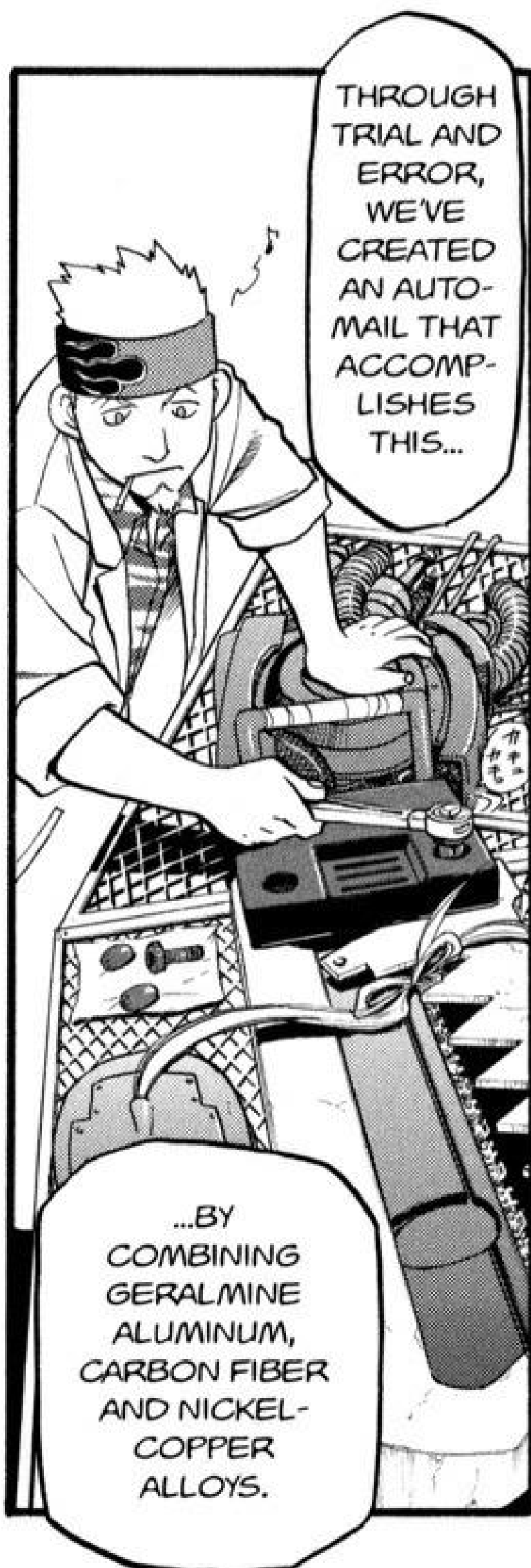
HEY!!
THAT'S
MY
HEAD
!!



I CAN'T
UNTANGLE
THIS
HELMET
!!

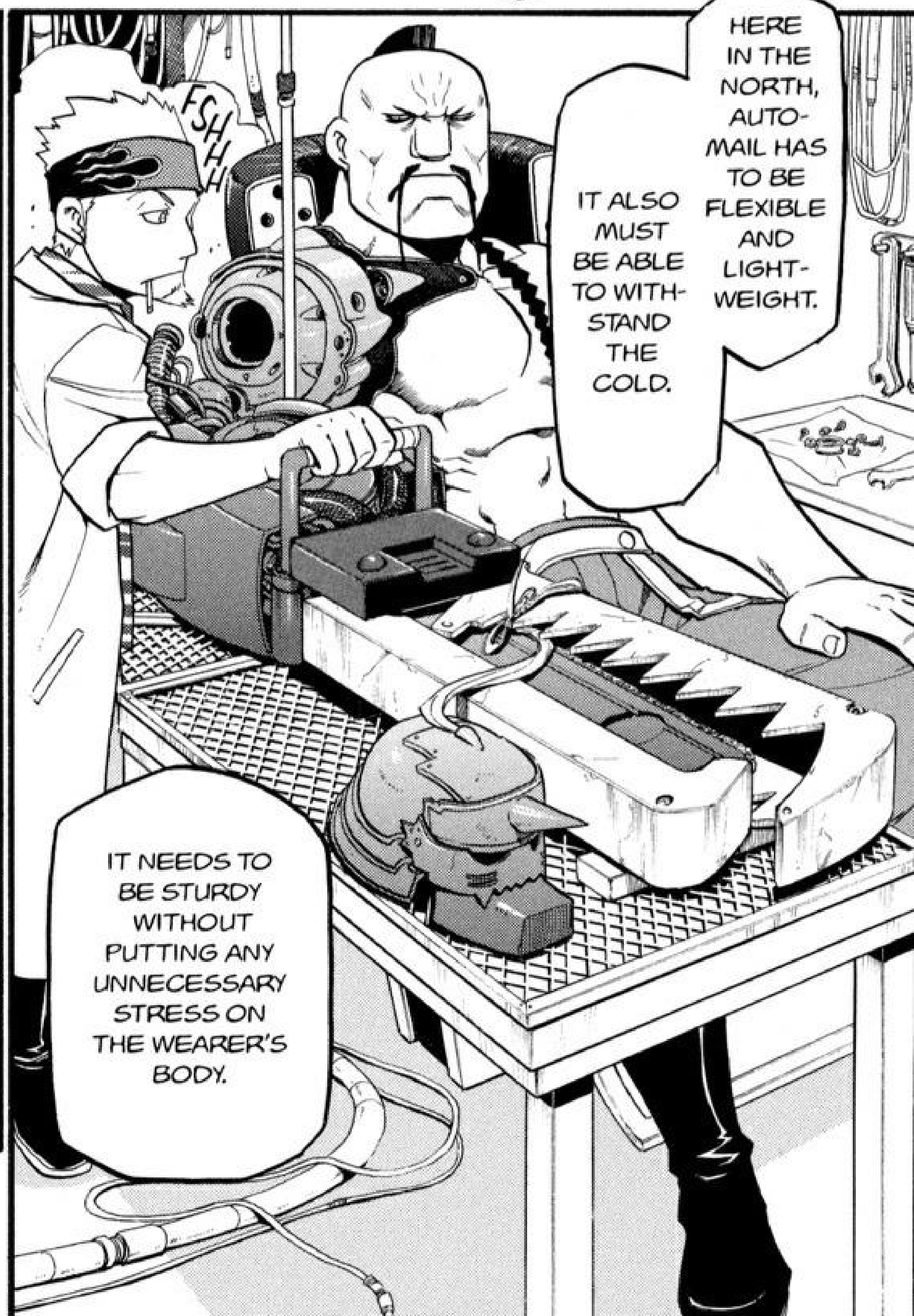
IT'S NO
USE,
DOCTOR
!

KIAK



THROUGH
TRIAL AND
ERROR,
WE'VE
CREATED
AN AUTO-
MAIL THAT
ACCOMPLISHES
THIS...

...BY
COMBINING
GERALMINE
ALUMINUM,
CARBON FIBER
AND NICKEL-
COPPER
ALLOYS.



HERE
IN THE
NORTH,
AUTO-
MAIL HAS
TO BE
FLEXIBLE
AND
LIGHT-
WEIGHT.
IT ALSO
MUST
BE ABLE
TO WITH-
STAND
THE
COLD.

IT NEEDS TO
BE STURDY
WITHOUT
PUTTING ANY
UNNECESSARY
STRESS ON
THE WEARER'S
BODY.



AND IN THE CASE OF CAPTAIN BUCCANEER'S CROCODILE MODEL, THE HEAT FROM THE MOTOR'S EXHAUST PREVENTS FROSTBITE ON HIS SHOULDER.

THE OIL WE USE IS SPECIALIZED FOR COLD CLIMATES.



I WAS TRYING TO COMBAT STEEL BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT ALL AUTO-MAIL WAS MADE OF.

I SEE. NO WONDER I COULDN'T DESTROY HIS AUTO-MAIL.



HE EVEN HAS THE SILVER WATCH.

ARE YOU FOR REAL?



YOU DON'T NEED TO REVEAL MY WEAKNESS, DOCTOR.

AFTER ALL, HE'S A HIGHLY-RESPECTED STATE ALCHEMIST, ISN'T HE?

WHY NOT?



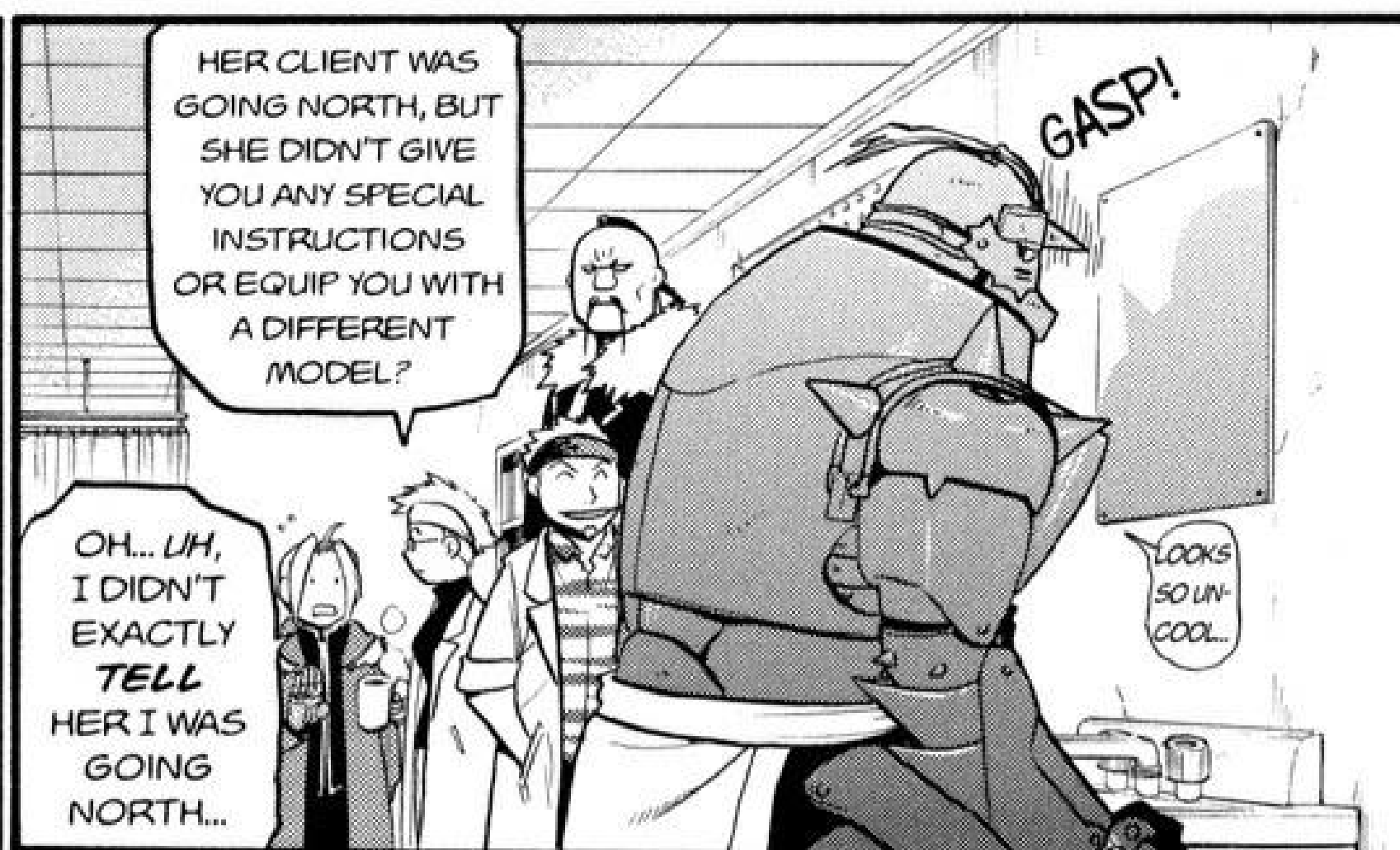
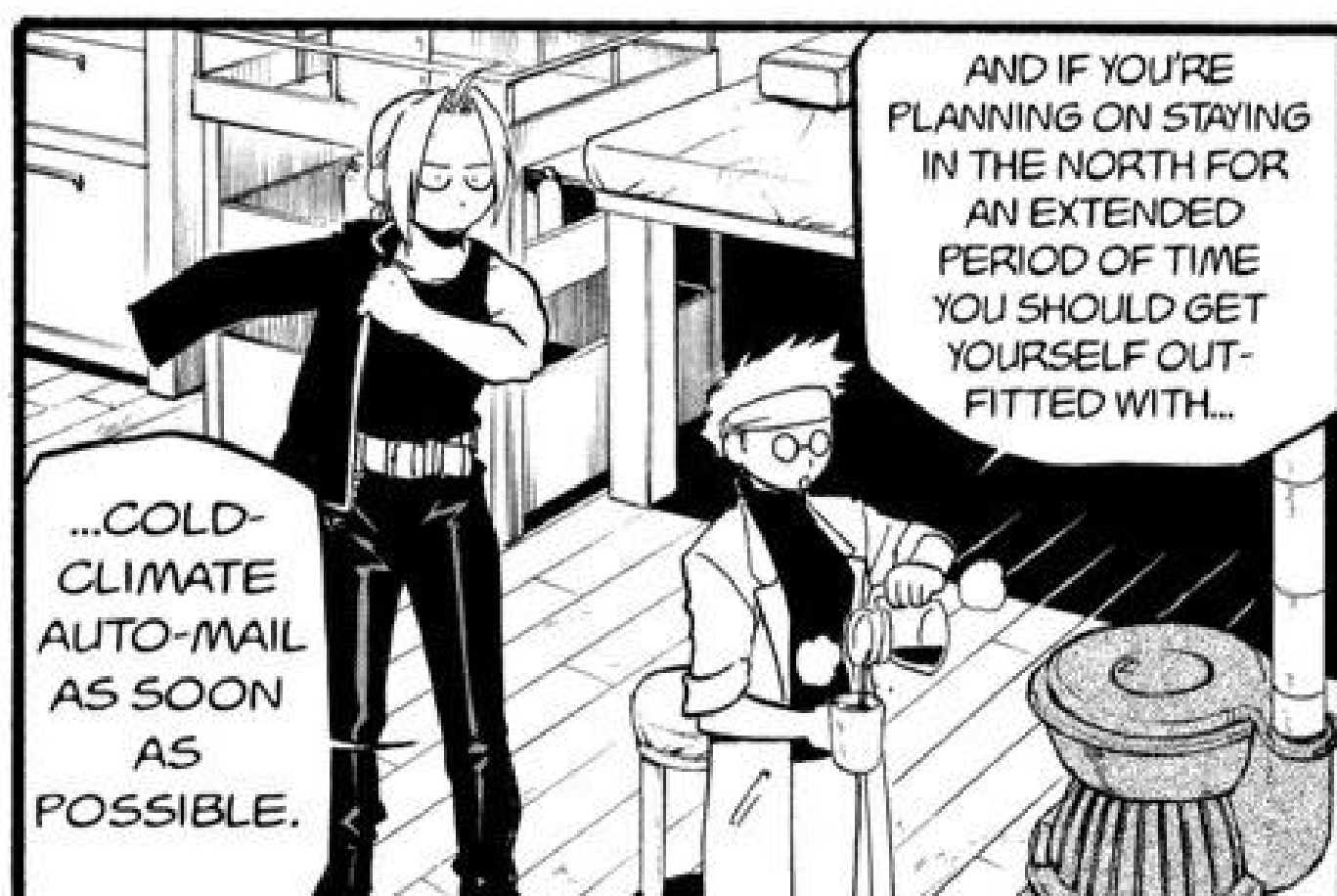
HEH HEH HEH...

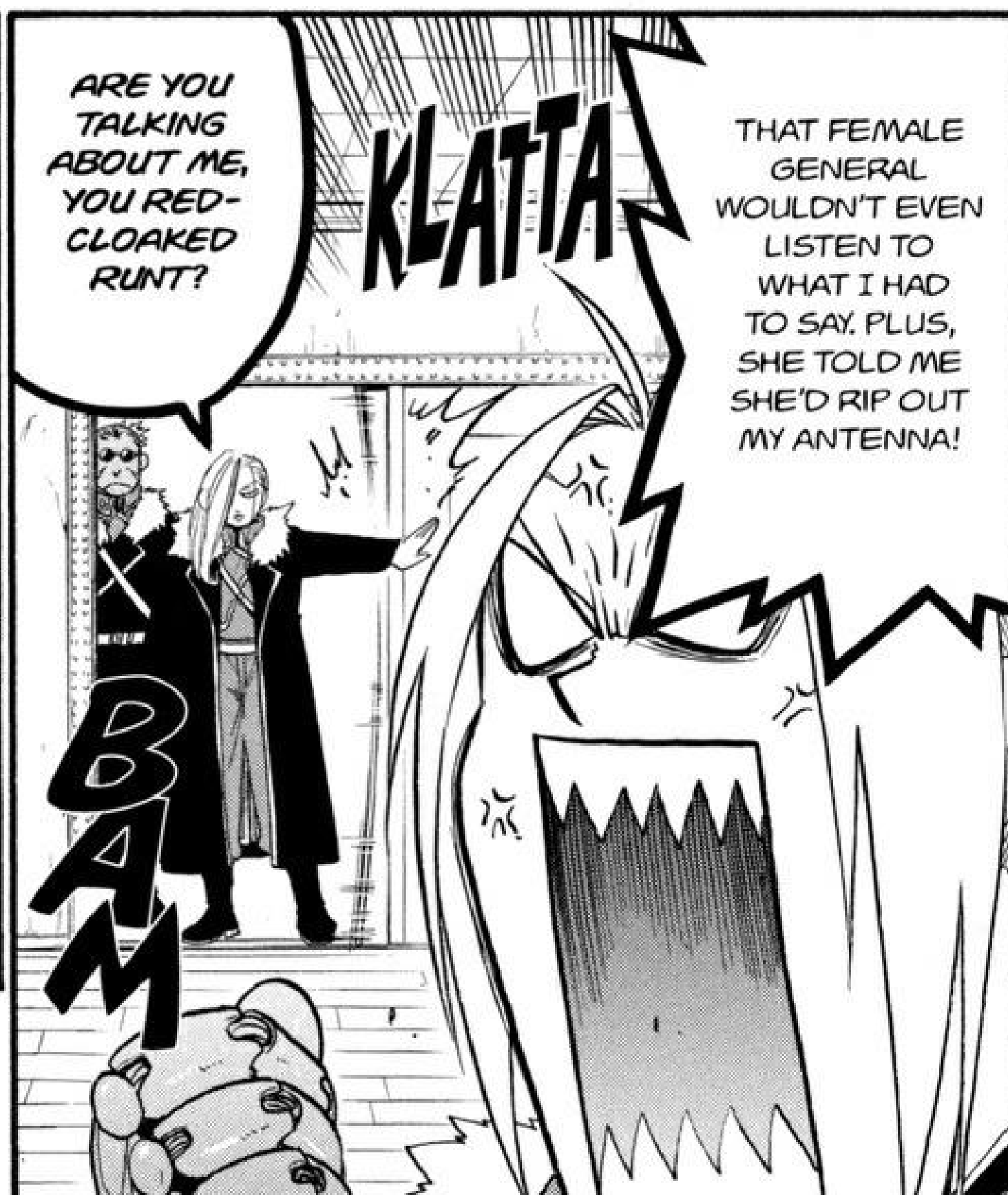
RRGH... I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS RUNT'S RANK IS EQUAL TO A MAJOR...

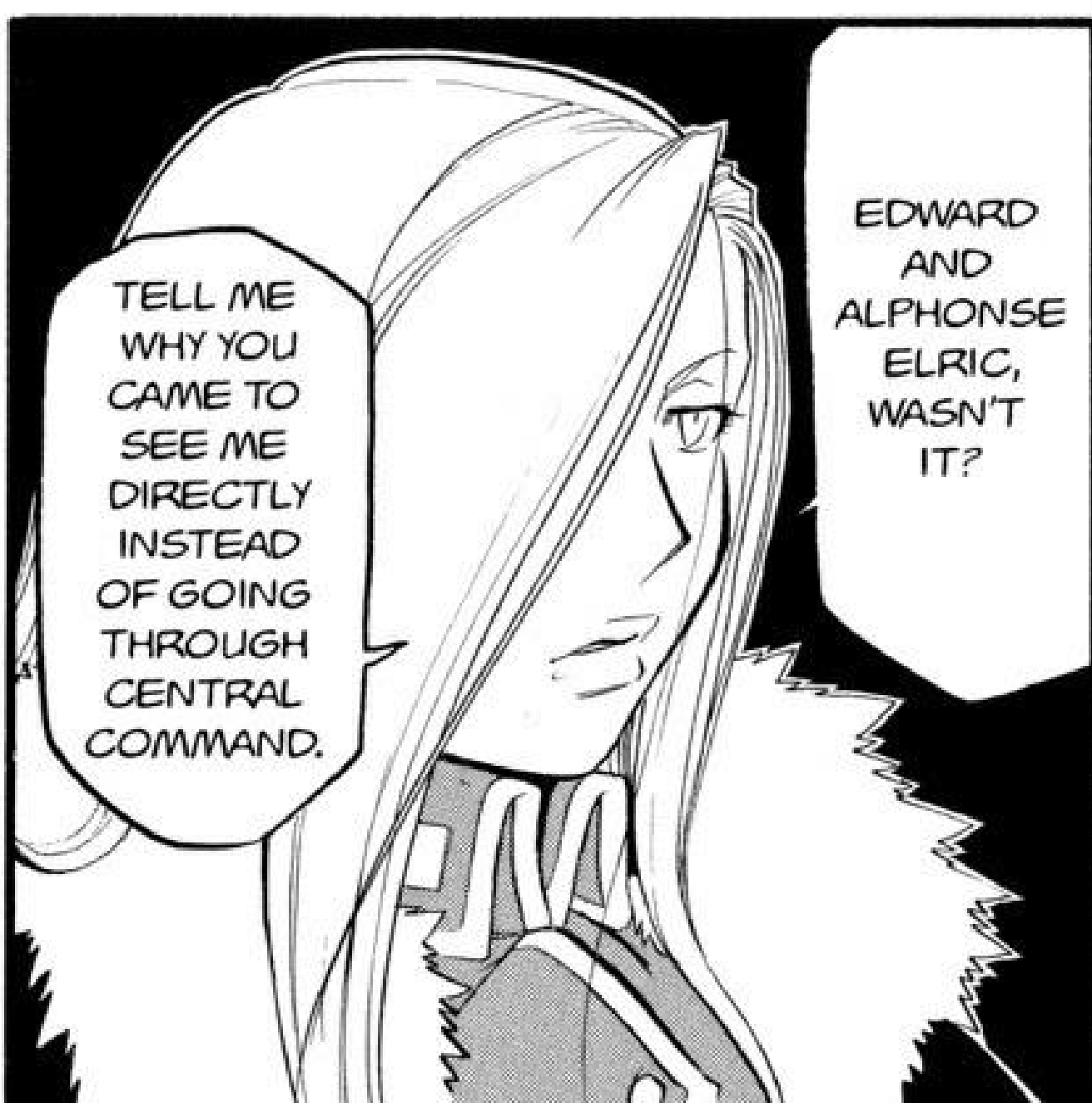
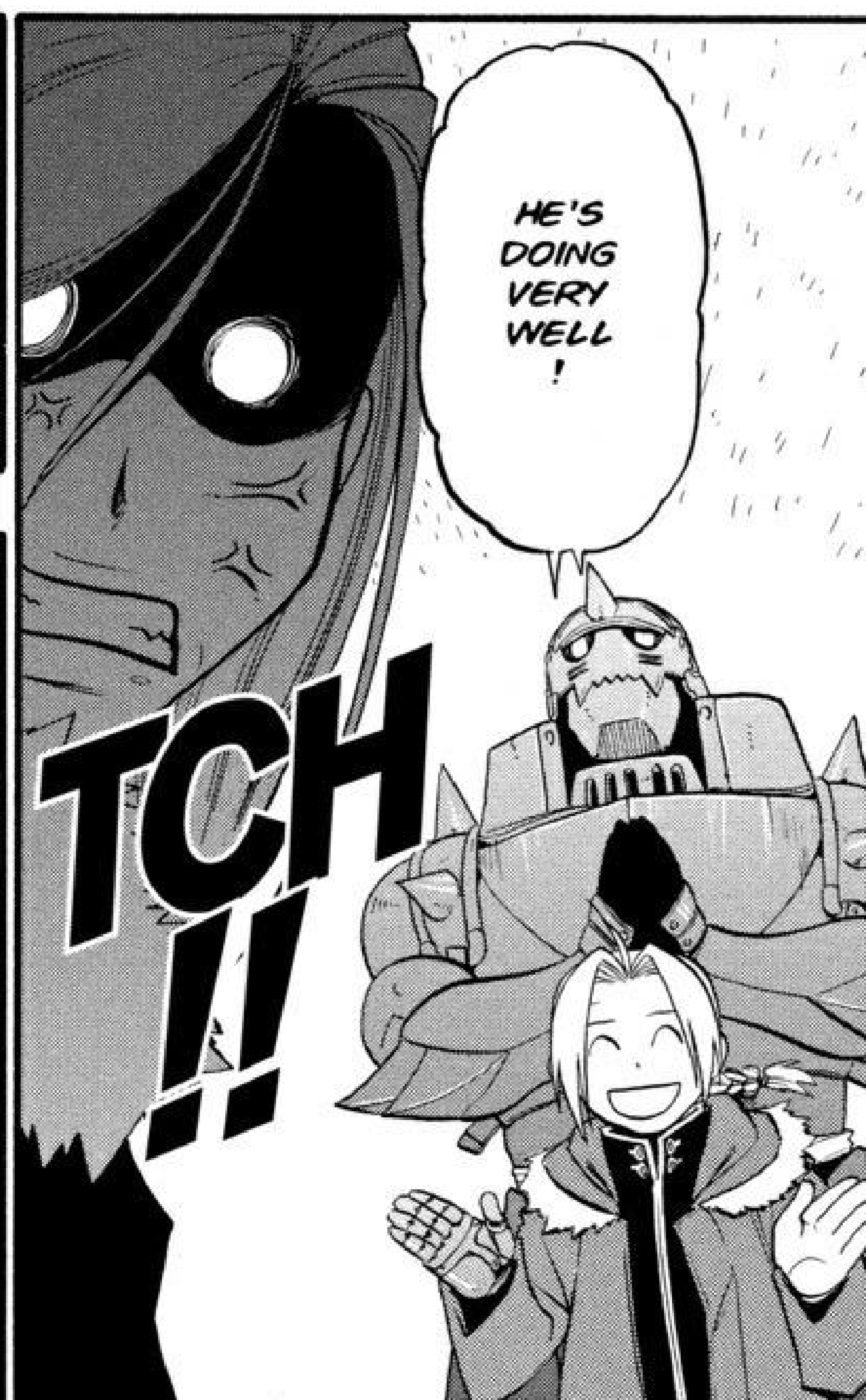
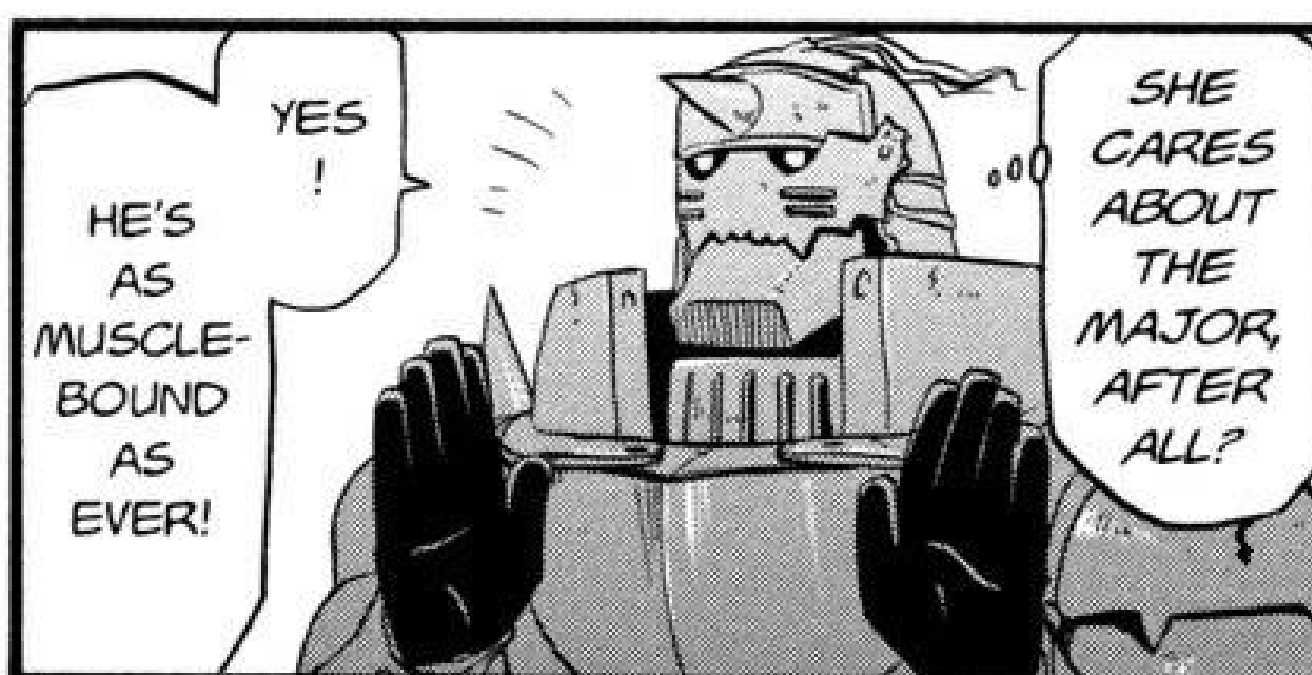
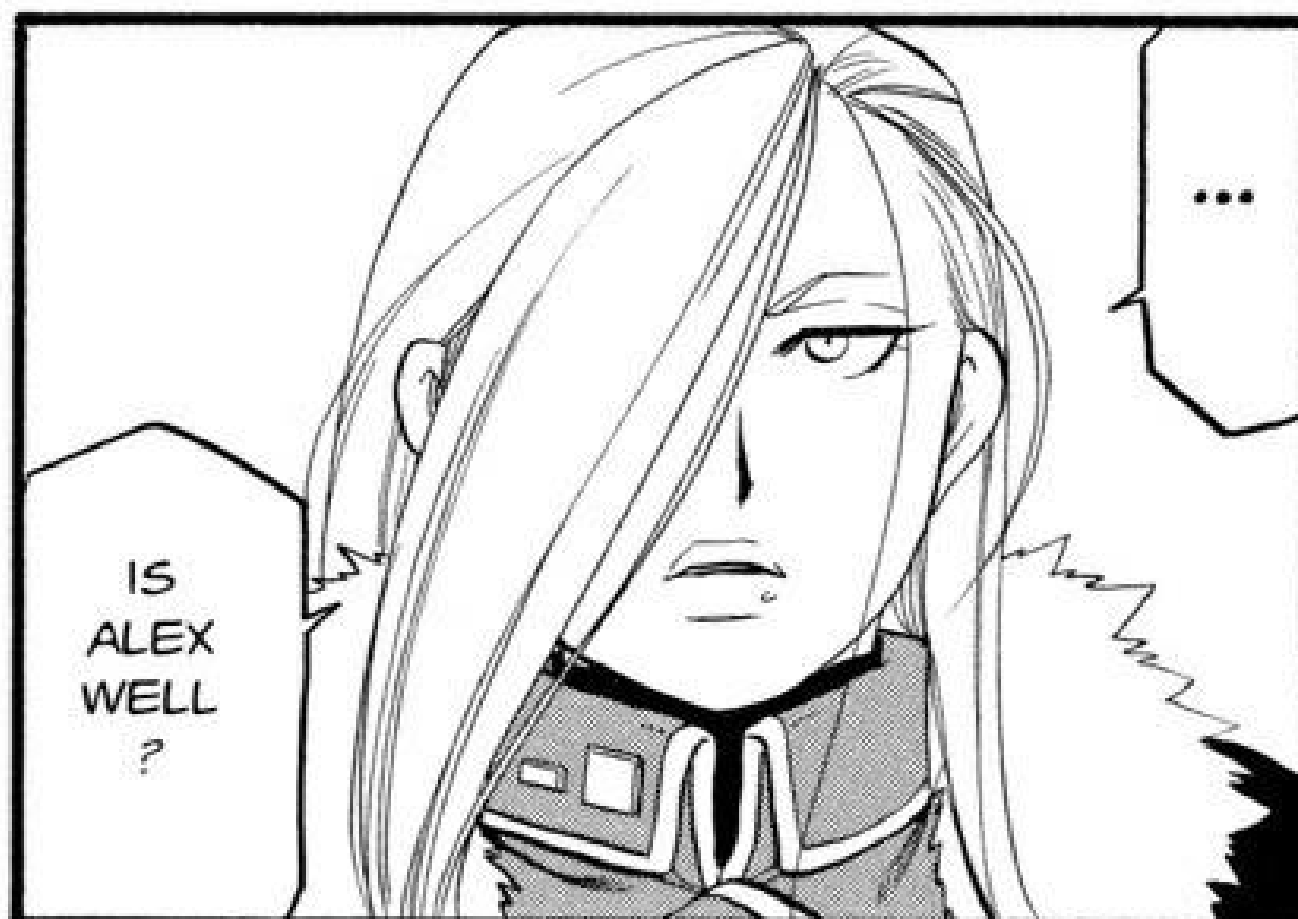


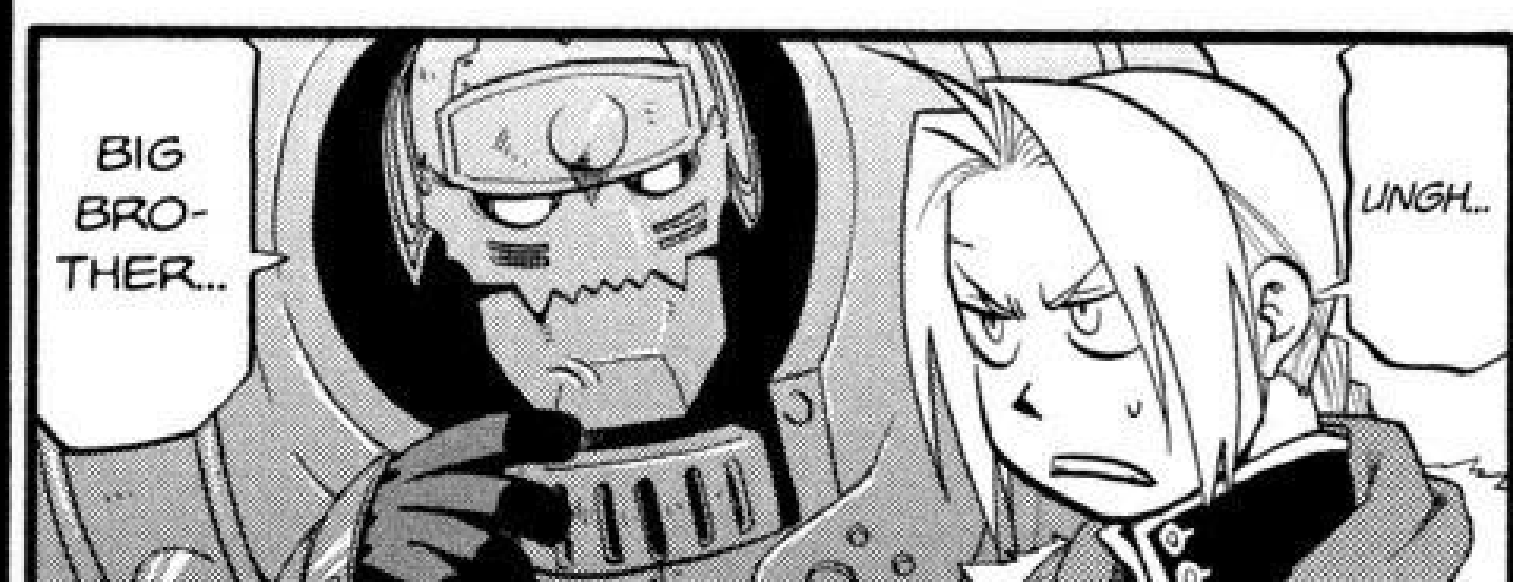
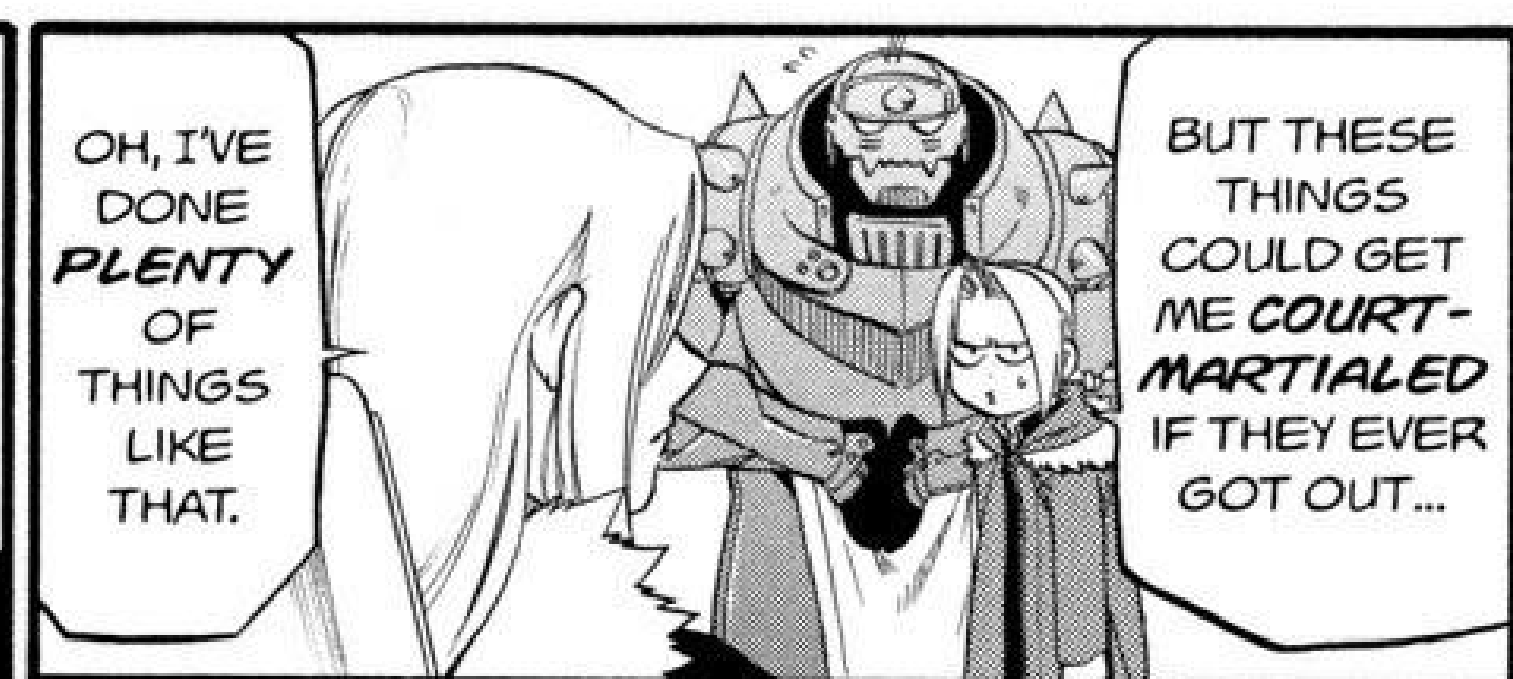
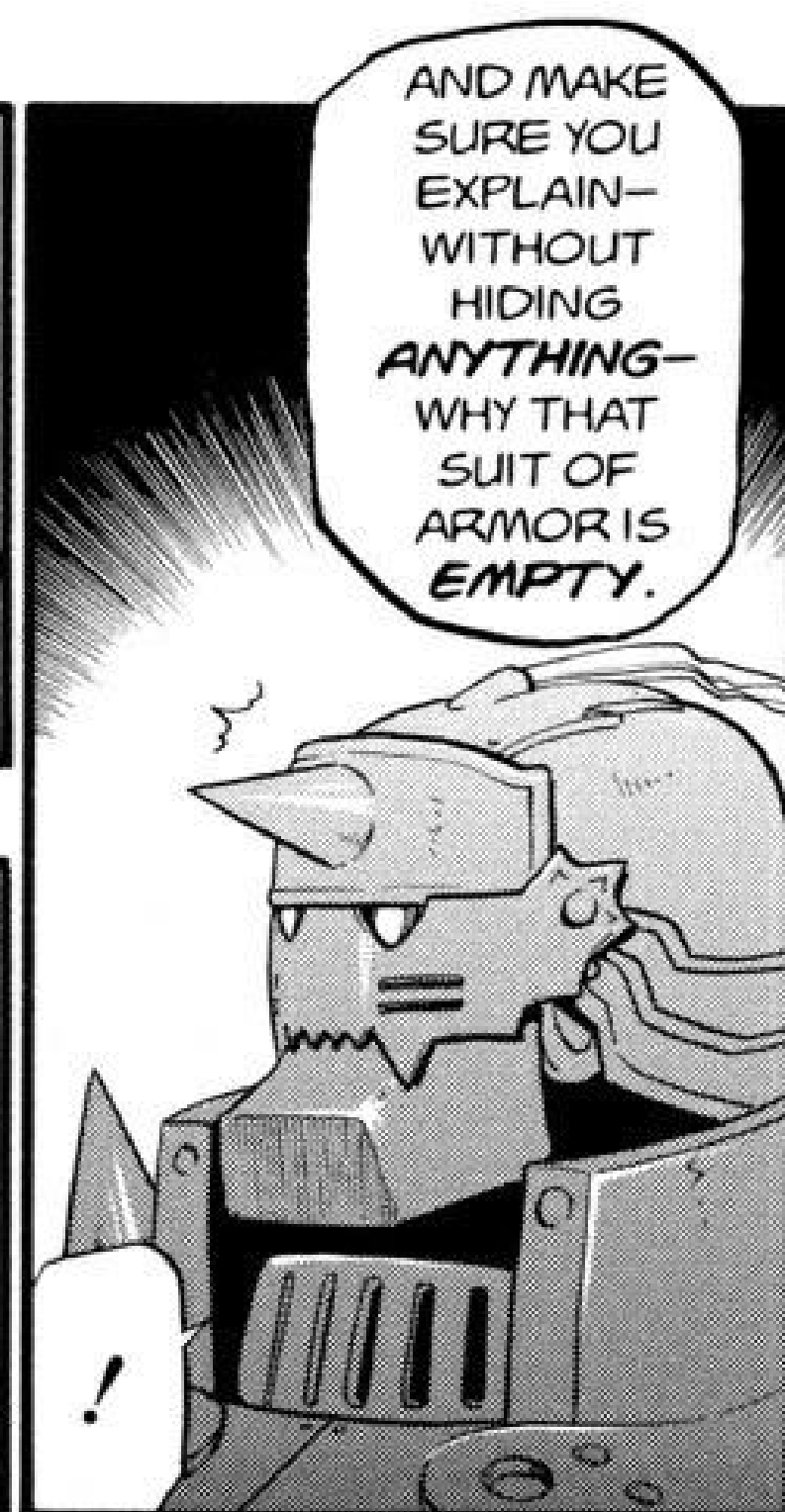
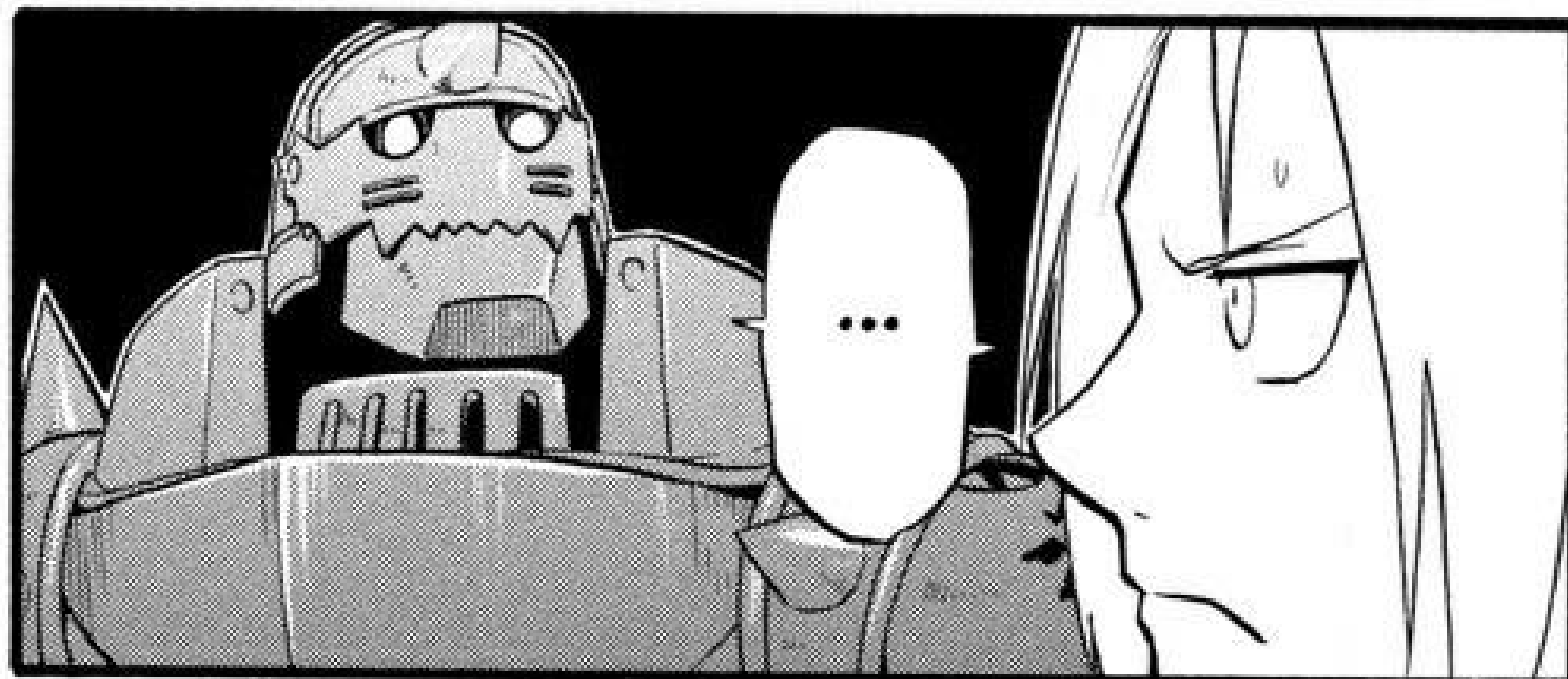
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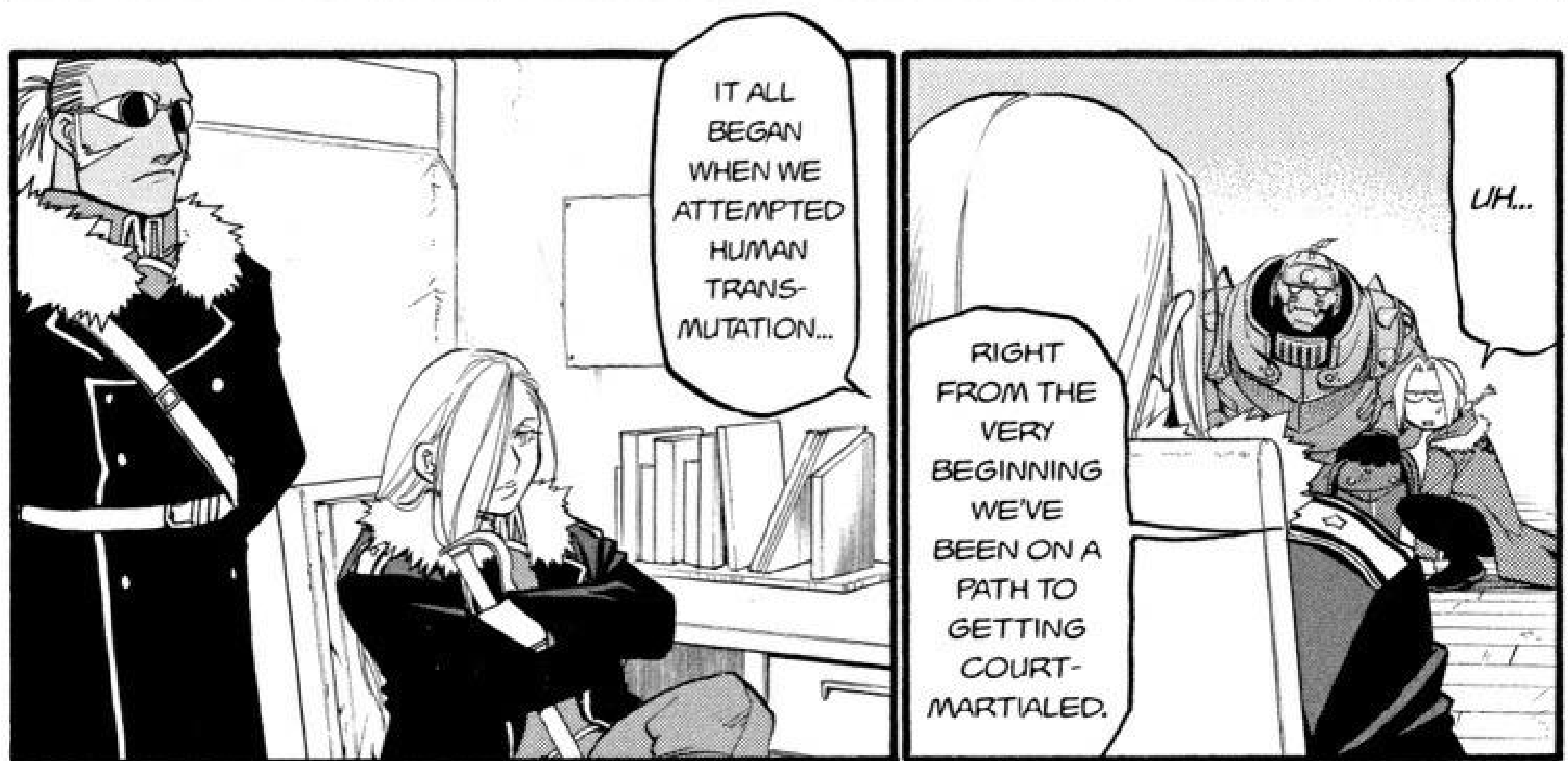
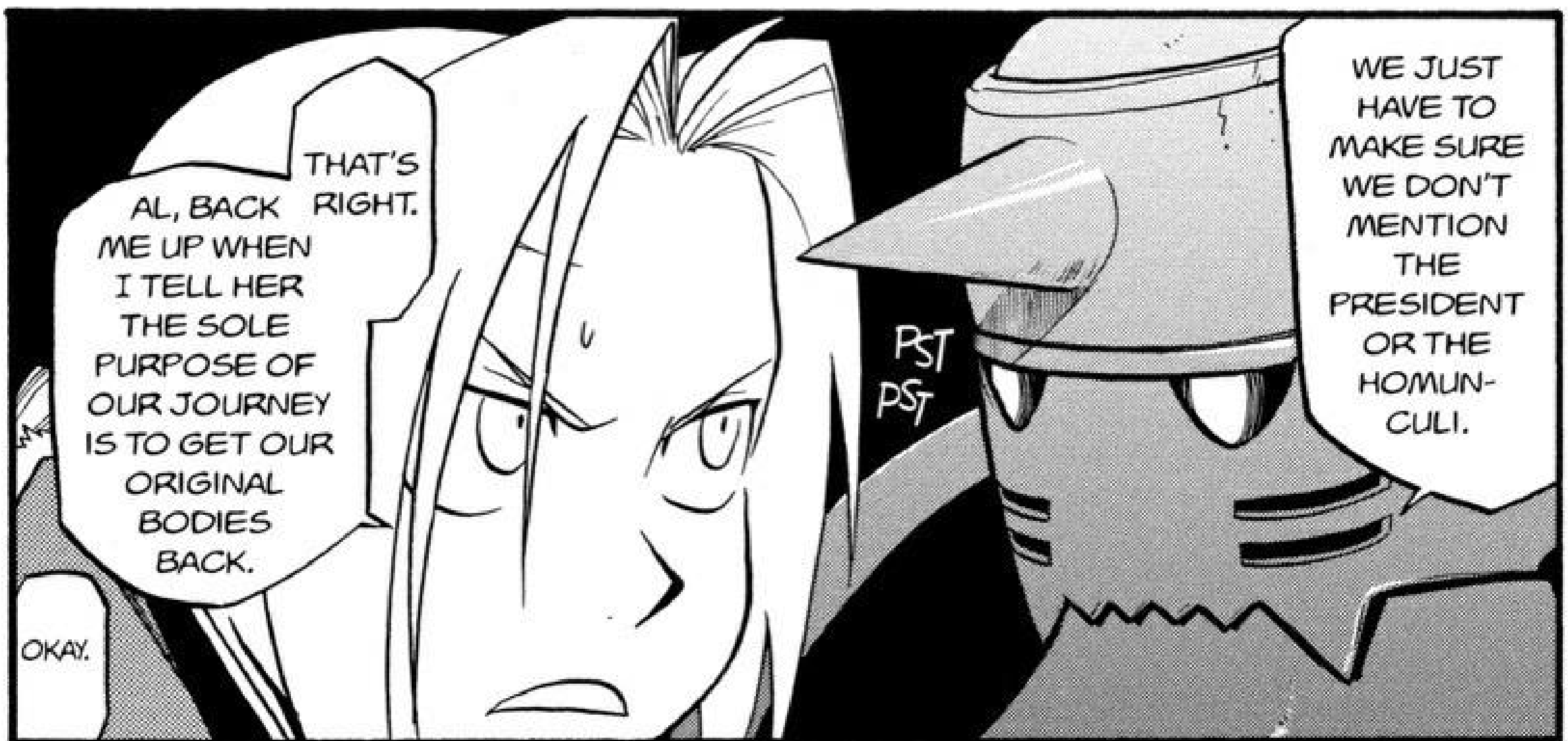
MAKE SURE YOU DON'T EXPOSE YOUR HANDS AND FEET TO TEMPERATURES OF MINUS SEVEN DEGREES FOR MORE THAN THREE HOURS.

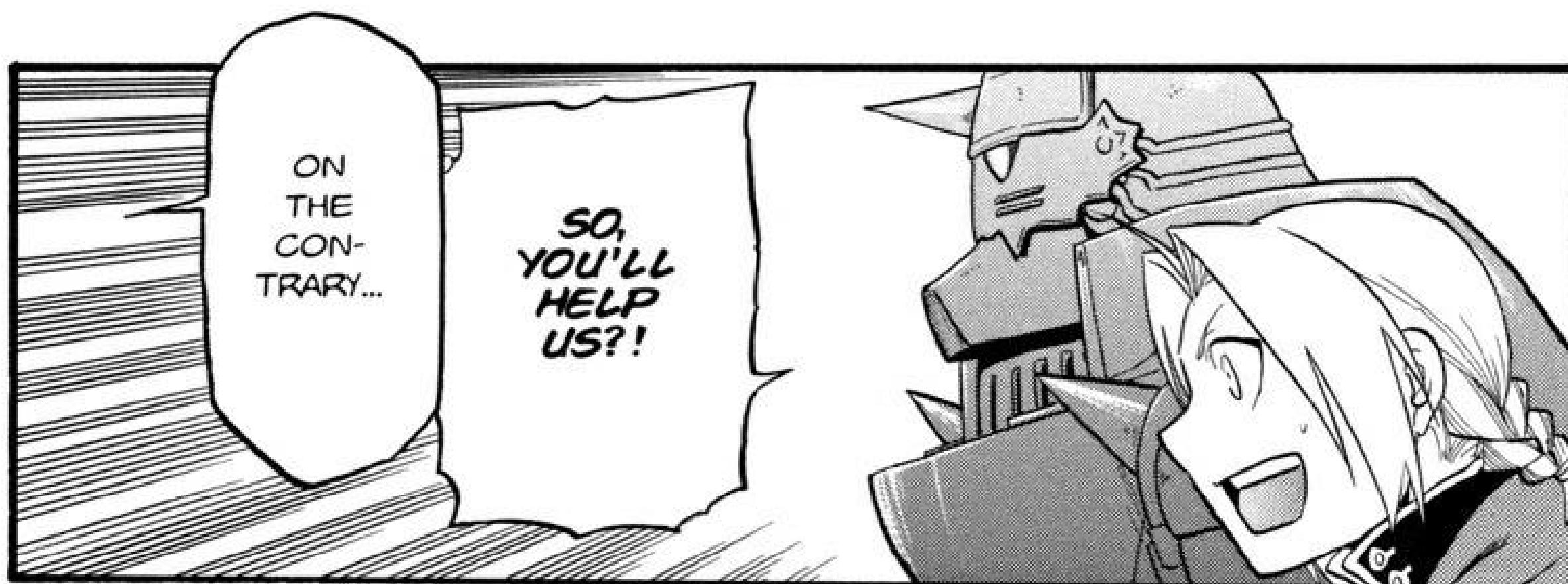














I
INTEND
TO
IMPORT
IT.

IT'S AN
ART
THAT IS
UNKNOWN
IN THIS
COUNTRY.



YES,
SORT
OF...

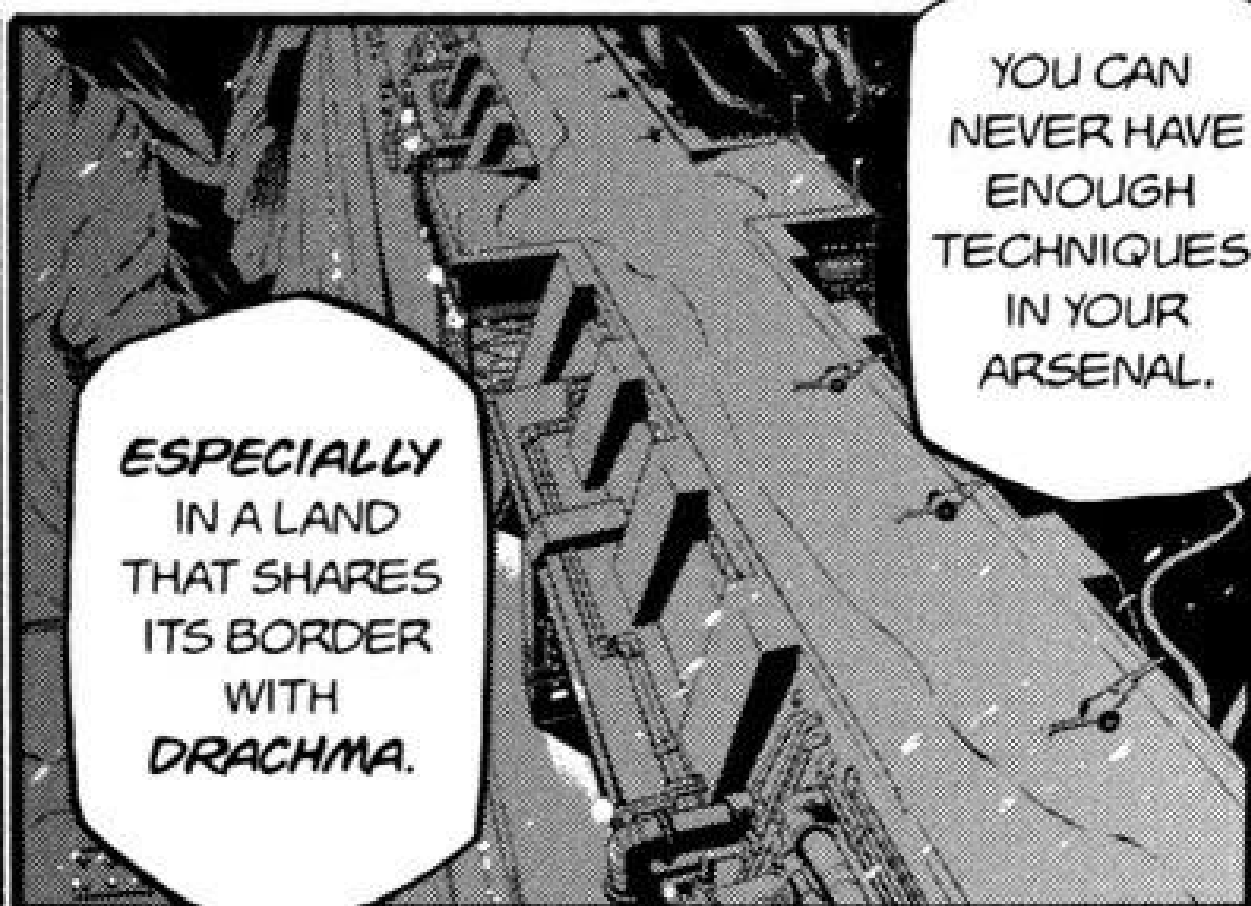
SO YOU
TWO ARE
ACQUAINTED
WITH THIS
GIRL WHO
PRACTICES
THE
PURIFICATION
ARTS?



THEY'RE
CALLED
THE
**PURIFI-
CATION**
ARTS FOR
A REASON!
THEY'RE
BASED ON
CONCEPTS
OF
HEALING!

HEY,
HOLD
ON
A
SEC-
OND
!

THE
PURIFICATION
ARTS MIGHT
BE A GREAT
WEAPON IF
PROPERLY
DEPLOYED.



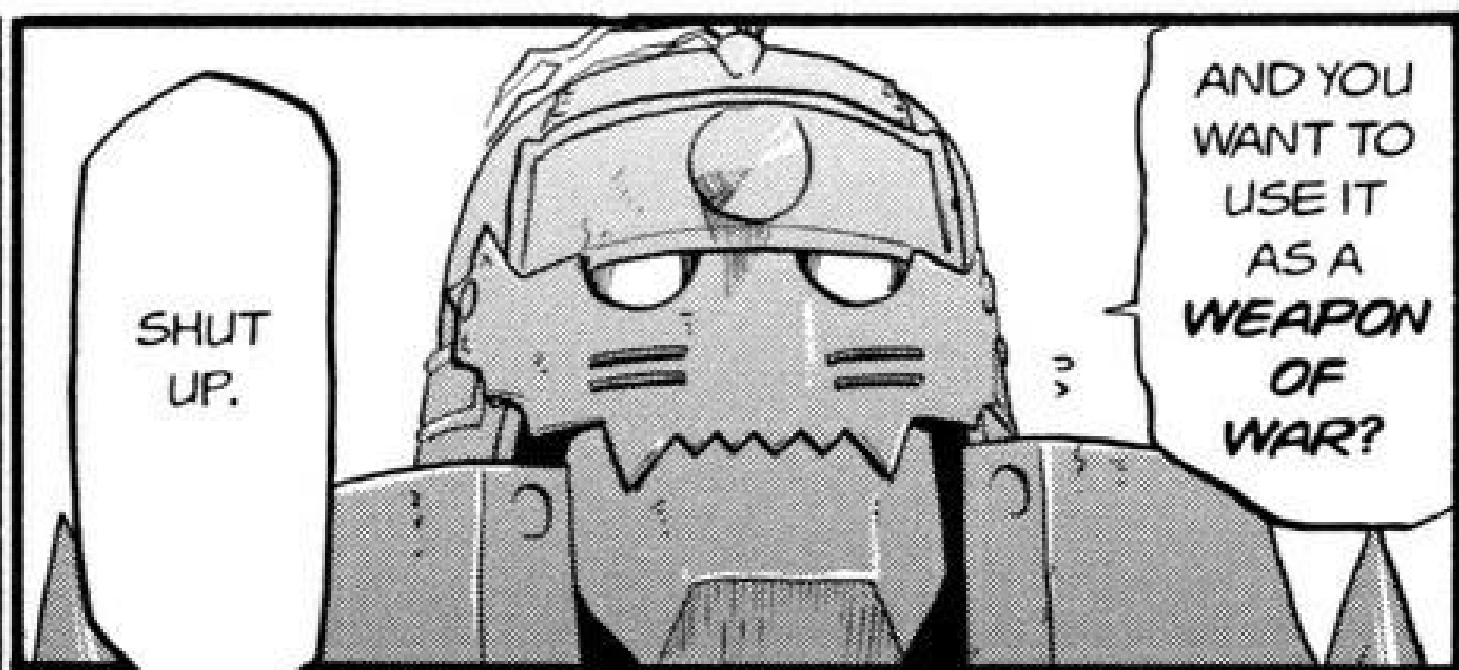
ESPECIALLY
IN A LAND
THAT SHARES
ITS BORDER
WITH
DRACHMA.

YOU CAN
NEVER HAVE
ENOUGH
TECHNIQUES
IN YOUR
ARSENAL.



AND IT'S
MY JOB
TO SEE
THAT THE
NORTHERN
BORDER
REMAINS
SECURE.

I WILL
USE **ANY**
MEANS
NECESSARY
TO AID
ME IN MY
DUTY.



SHUT
UP.

AND YOU
WANT TO
USE IT
AS A
WEAPON
OF
WAR?



DON'T FORGET
THAT YOUR
STANDARD OF LIVING
DEPENDS UPON
THE SACRIFICES
OF THOSE OF US
WHO PROTECT
THIS COUNTRY'S
BORDER.

SPARE ME
YOUR YAPPING.
YOU'RE JUST
A DOG WHO
KNOWS
NOTHING OF
THE WORLD
OUTSIDE
ITS YARD.



...BUT
I
DON'T
CARE.

YOU
ALCHEMISTS
SAY THAT
ONE ALWAYS
EQUALS
ONE...



LAWS
LIKE
THAT
SHOULD
BE
BROKEN.



IN
THIS
WAR,
YOU
CAN
NEVER
BE
TOO
PRE-
PARED.

THE **RIGHT**
TECHNIQUE
IN THE
RIGHT HANDS
CAN TURN A
DEFEAT AT THE
HANDS OF THE
ENEMY INTO
A TENFOLD
VICTORY!



LIKE THE
SAYING
GOES,
"THOSE
WHO
DON'T
WORK,
DON'T
DESERVE
TO EAT."



...FAIR
ENOUGH.



...GIVE
THEM
SOME
WORK
TO
DO.

MAJOR
MILES...

HUH
?!

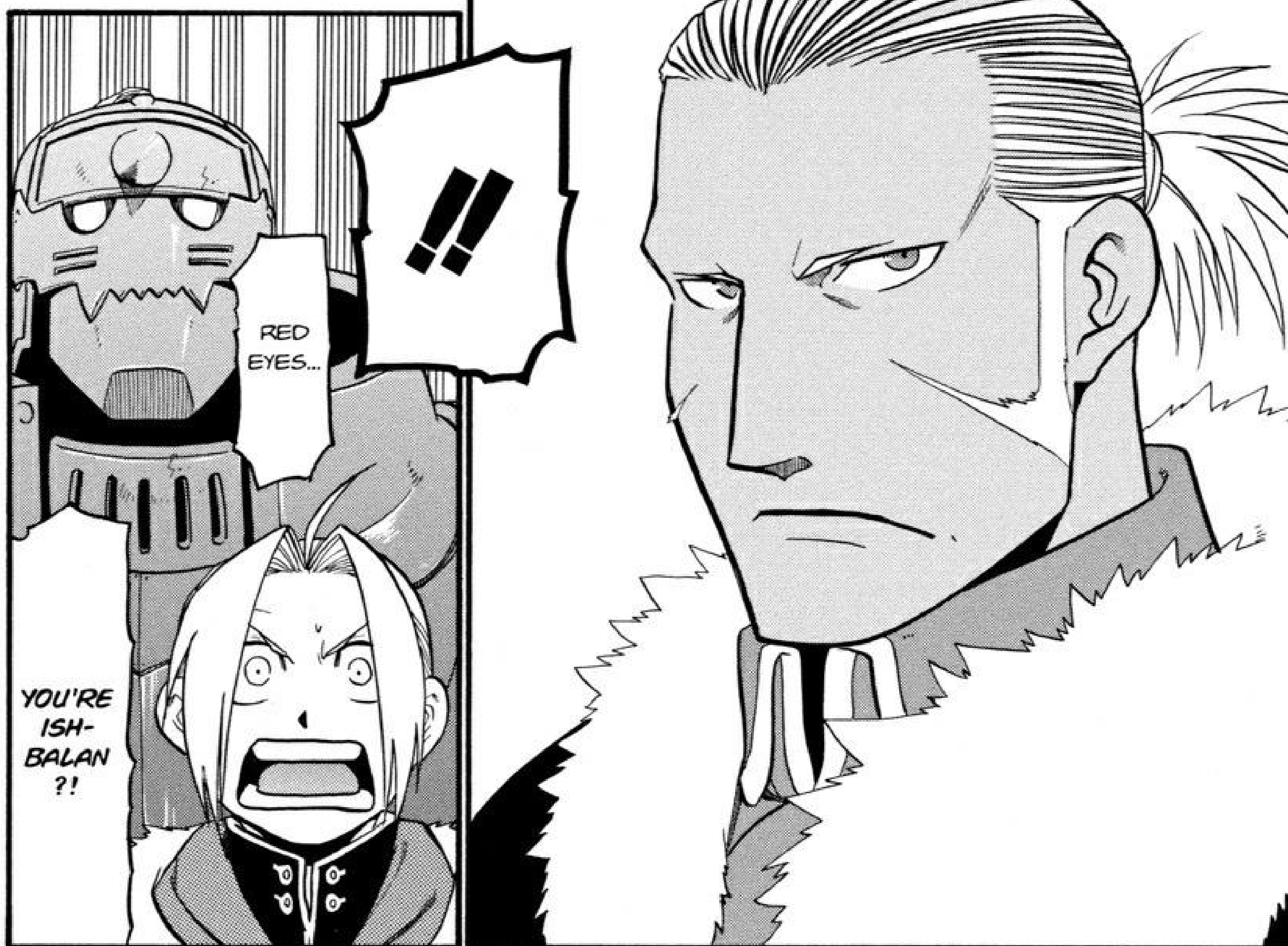


WE'LL
FIND THE
GIRL WHO
USES THE
PURIFI-
CATION
ARTS.

YOU
TWO...
JUST
MAKE
SURE
YOU
DON'T
LEAVE
THE
FORT.







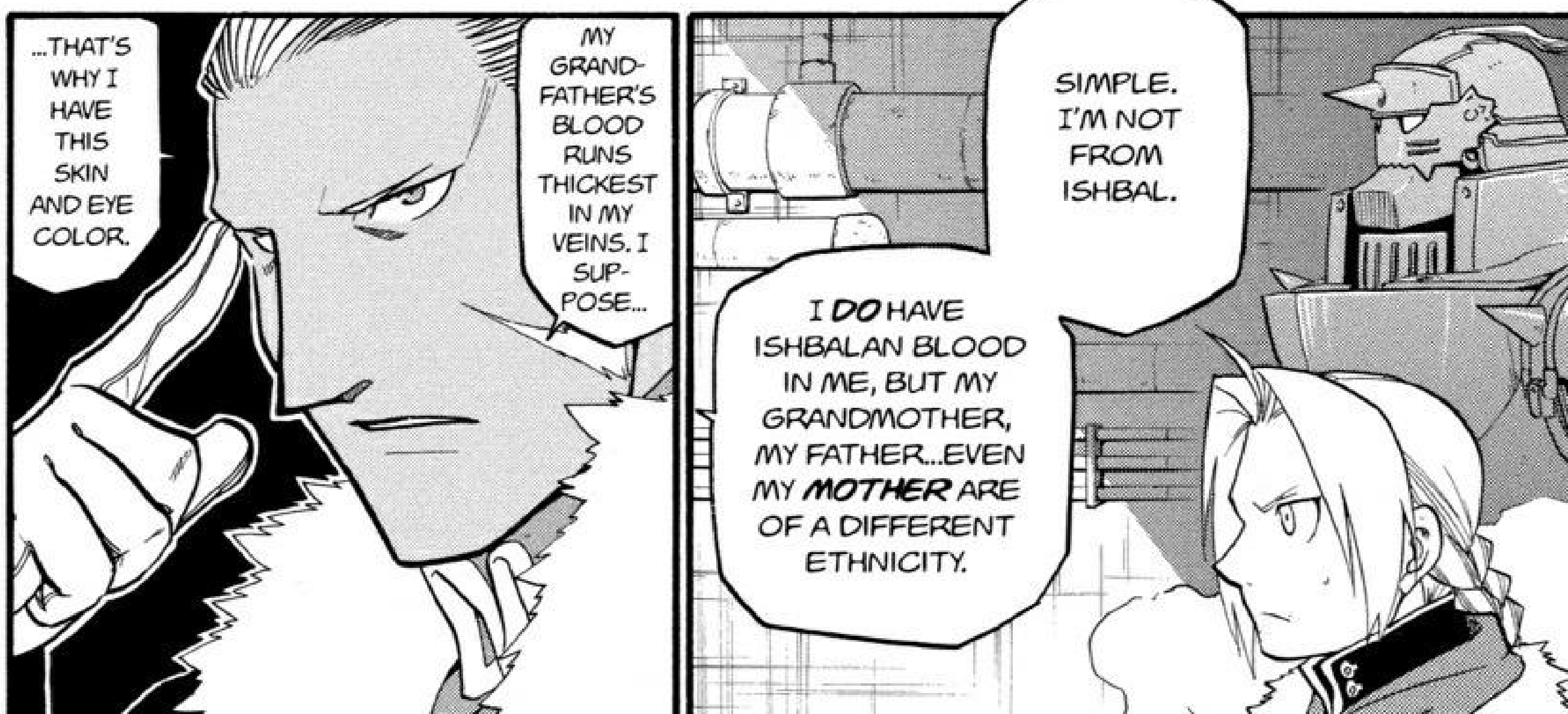
RED
EYES...

YOU'RE
ISH-
BALAN
?!



I HEARD THAT
ALL THE ISHBALAN
SOLDIERS WERE
ROUNDED UP
BEFORE THE
EXTERMINATION
CAMPAIGN!!

BUT...
HOW
?!

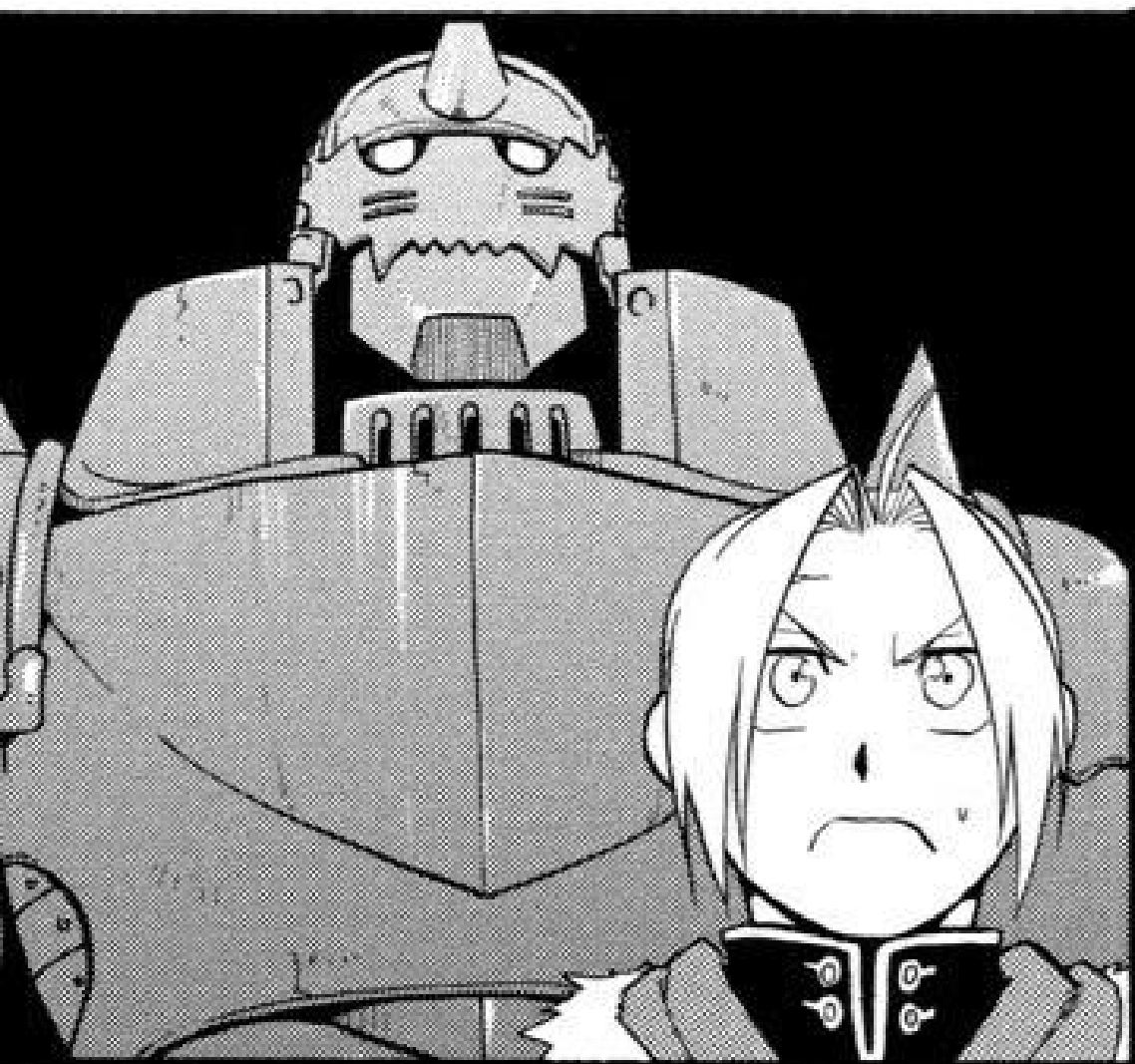


...THAT'S
WHY I
HAVE
THIS
SKIN
AND EYE
COLOR.

MY
GRAND-
FATHER'S
BLOOD
RUNS
THICKEST
IN MY
VEINS. I
SUP-
POSE...

SIMPLE.
I'M NOT
FROM
ISHBAL.

I **DO** HAVE
ISHBALAN BLOOD
IN ME, BUT MY
GRANDMOTHER,
MY FATHER...EVEN
MY **MOTHER** ARE
OF A DIFFERENT
ETHNICITY.



YOUR
PEOPLE
CAUSED
MUCH
DESTRUCTION
IN THE LAND
OF MY
ANCESTORS...

...AMES-
TRIAN.



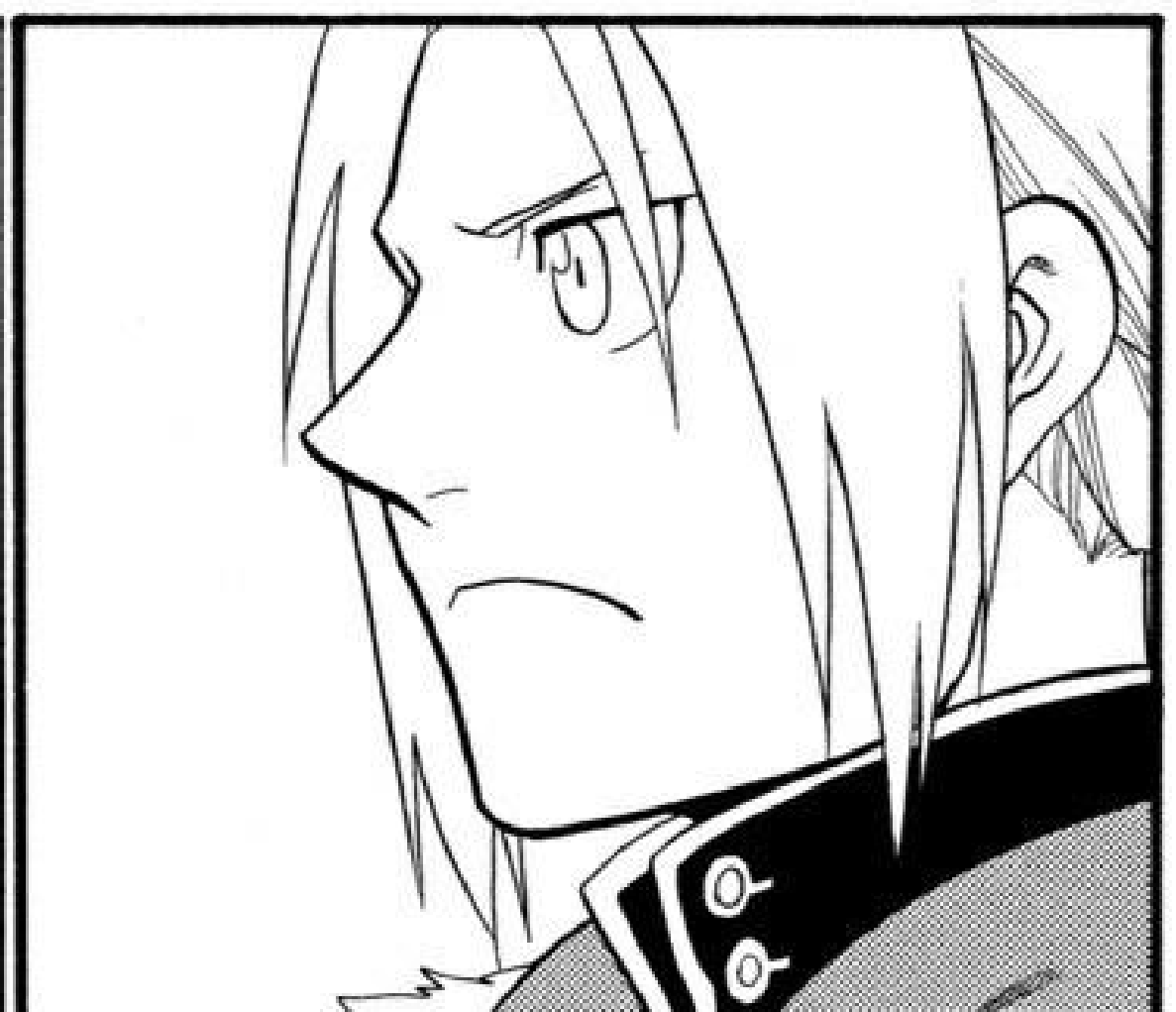
...AND
KILLED
THE
PARENTS
OF MY
CHILD-
HOOD
FRIEND.

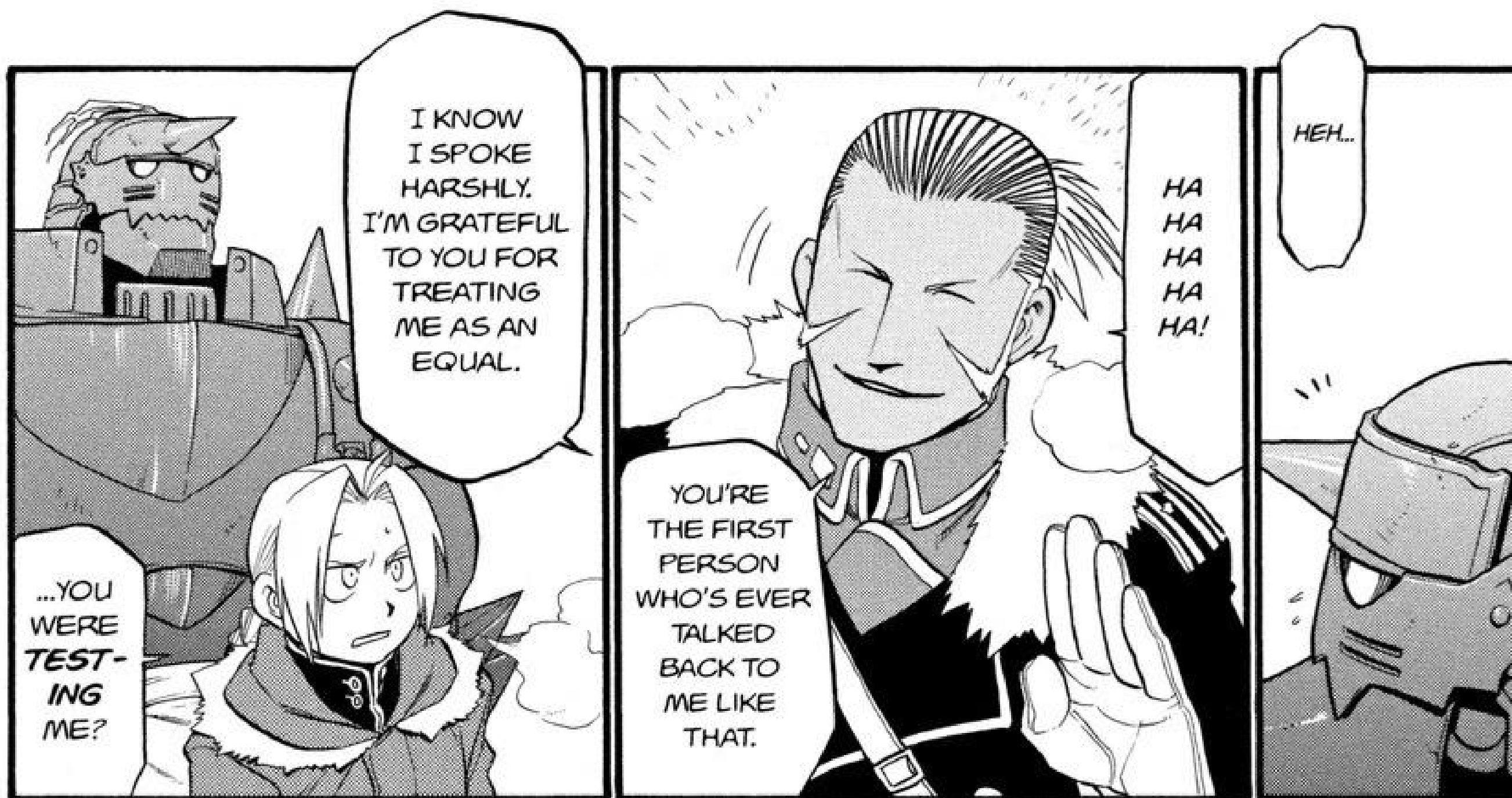
HEY...
BIG
BRO-
THER
!!

YOU
ISHBALANS
SET FIRE
TO MY
HOME-
TOWN...



ATTN





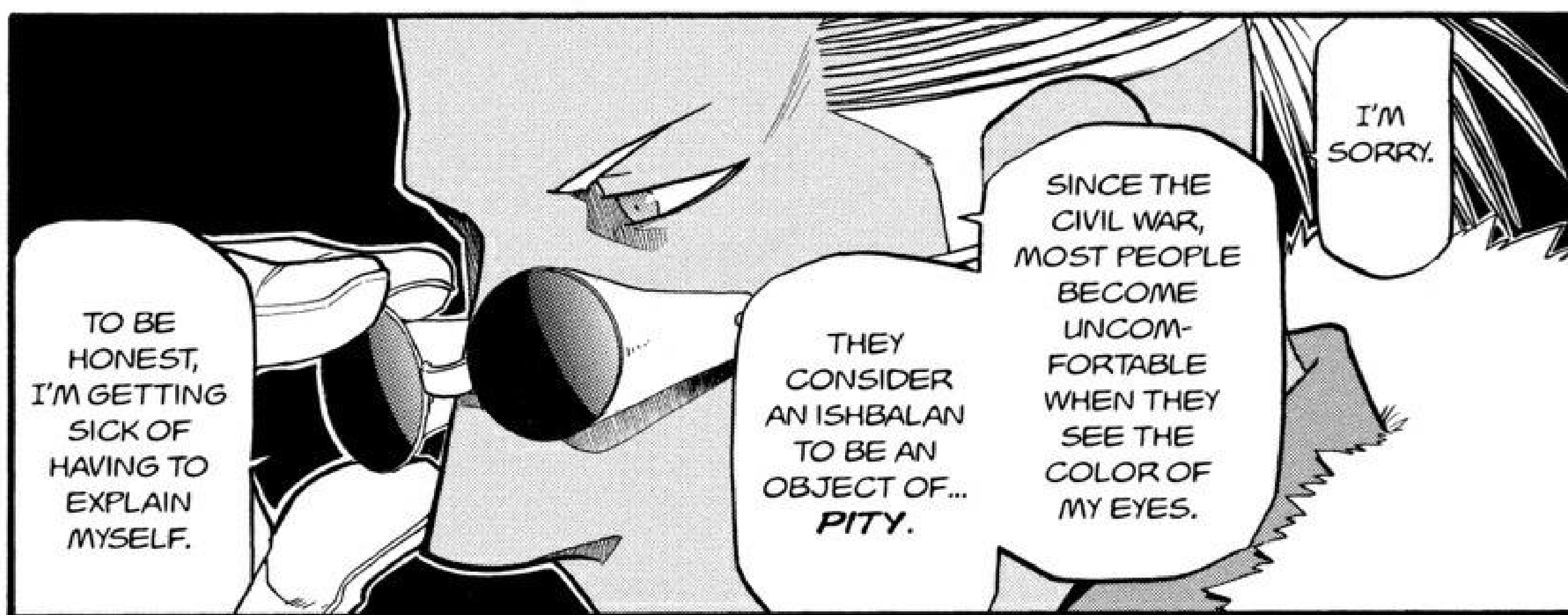
...YOU WERE **TEST-ING** ME?

I KNOW I SPOKE HARSHLY. I'M GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR TREATING ME AS AN EQUAL.

YOU'RE THE FIRST PERSON WHO'S EVER TALKED BACK TO ME LIKE THAT.

HA HA HA HA HA!

HEH...



TO BE HONEST, I'M GETTING SICK OF HAVING TO EXPLAIN MYSELF.

THEY CONSIDER AN ISHBALAN TO BE AN OBJECT OF... **PITY.**

SINCE THE CIVIL WAR, MOST PEOPLE BECOME UNCOMFORTABLE WHEN THEY SEE THE COLOR OF MY EYES.

I'M SORRY.



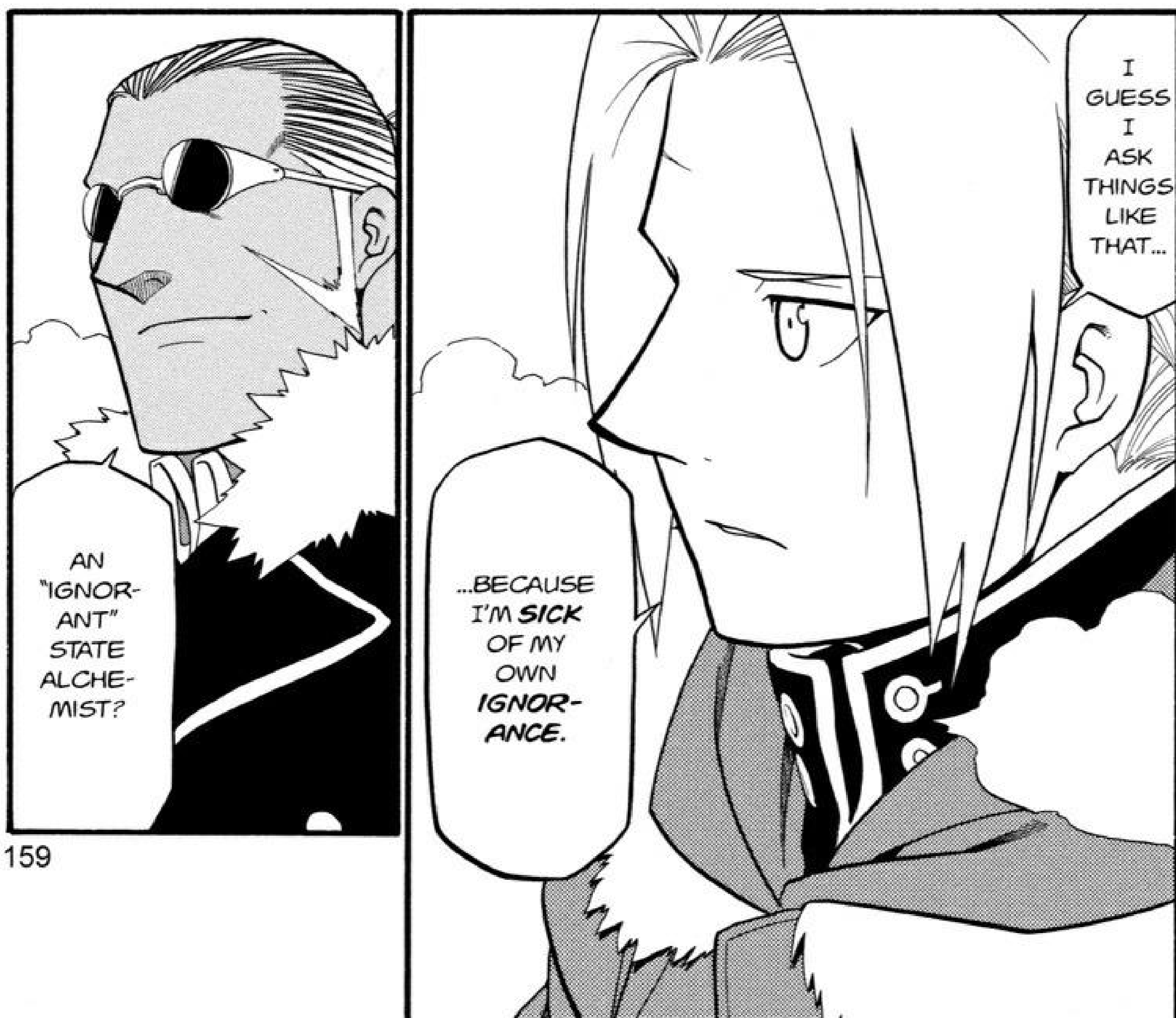
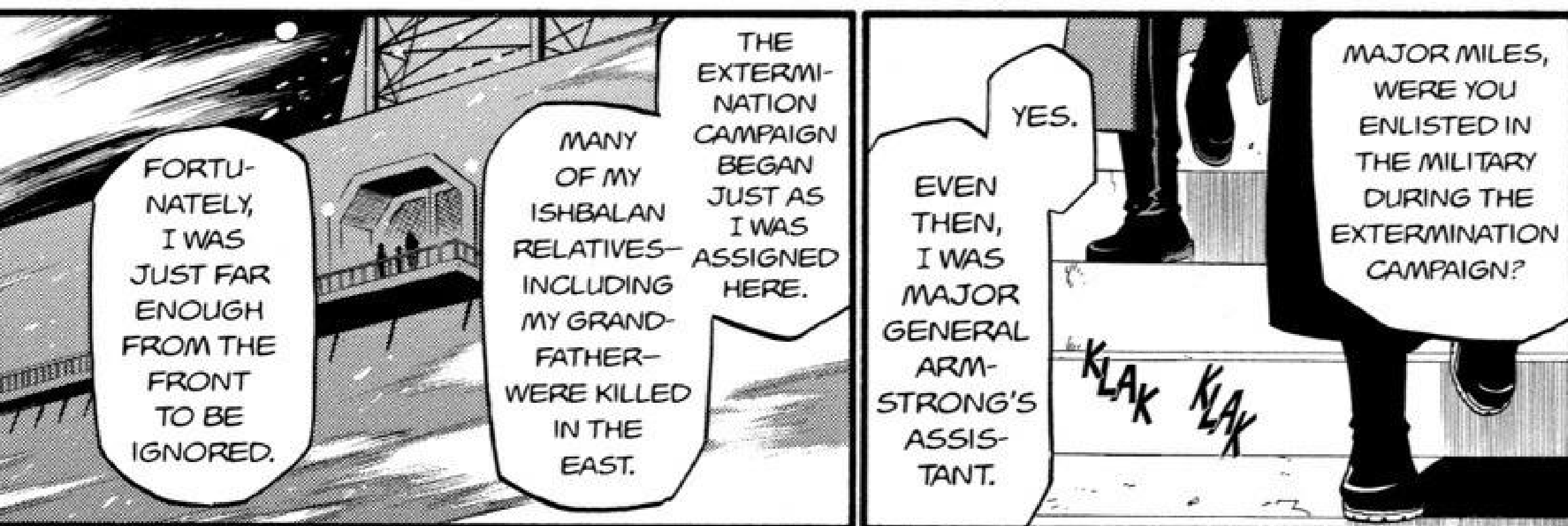
WHEN **ETHNICITY** IS ALL YOU THINK ABOUT, THERE'S BOUND TO BE CONFRONTATION...

...BUT IF WE DEAL WITH ONE ANOTHER AS **INDIVIDUALS**, THEN IT'S POSSIBLE TO TREAT EACH OTHER AS **EQUALS.**



WELL, AN ISHBALAN TRIED TO KILL ME, KIDNAP ME, AND ENDED UP AS OUR ALLY. SO I'M PRETTY WELL ACQUAINTED WITH ISHBALANS.

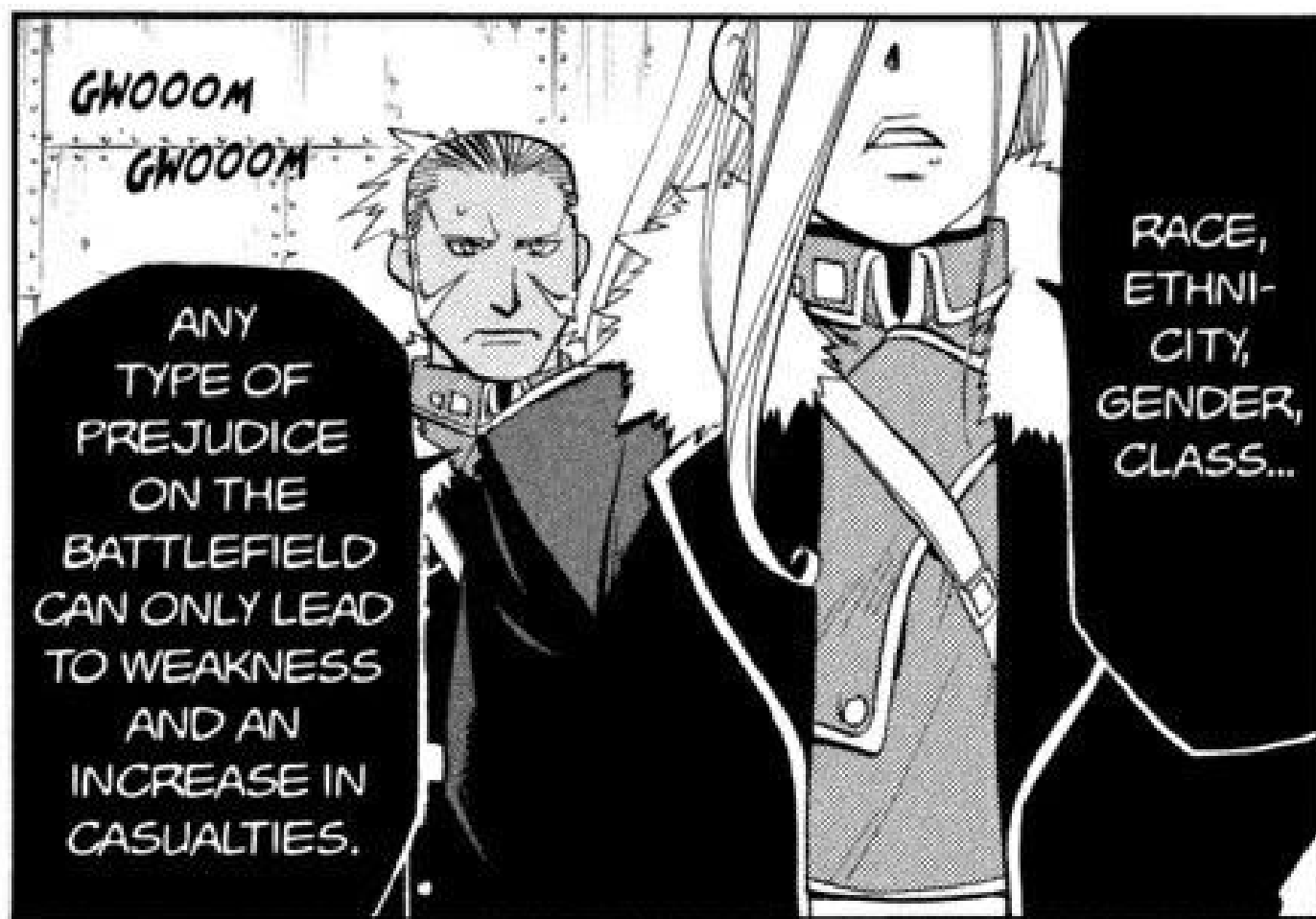
YOU TWO NEITHER FEARED NOR PITIED ME...
...AND LOOKED ME STRAIGHT IN THE EYES.





AT THE SAME TIME,
I QUESTIONED
WHY THE MAJOR
GENERAL KEPT ME
ON AS HER
ASSISTANT INSTEAD
OF SENDING ME TO
THE INTERNMENT
CAMPS.

I
DID
HATE
THEM.



GWOOOM
GWOOOM

ANY
TYPE OF
PREJUDICE
ON THE
BATTLEFIELD
CAN ONLY LEAD
TO WEAKNESS
AND AN
INCREASE IN
CASUALTIES.

RACE,
ETHNI-
CITY,
GENDER,
CLASS...

ONE DAY,
I CON-
FRONTED
THE
MAJOR
GENERAL.

I DON'T
JUST HAVE
ISHBALAN
BLOOD—
I **LOOK**
ISHBALAN.



GWOOOM

BRIGGS
IS ONE
LOCATION
THAT WE
CAN'T
AFFORD
TO LOSE.

GWOOOM



NO MATTER
WHAT HAPPENS,
NO MATTER
WHO IS
STANDING BY
YOUR SIDE, AS
LONG AS YOU
WEAR THIS
UNIFORM...

SNAP

KLAK

GWOOOM

WHY
WOULD
YOU ASK
SUCH A
THING,
MILES
?

HOW COULD
SHE KEEP
ME BY HER
SIDE WHEN
MY VERY
PRESENCE
COULD
JEOPARDIZE
HER
AUTHORITY
WITH THE
TROOPS?



WE MUST
BE A
**SINGLE
FORCE!**
LET
NOTHING
WEAKEN
OUR
RESOLVE!



...YOU
MUST BE
PREPARED
TO MOVE
QUICKLY AND
DECISIVELY
AS YOU
CARRY
OUT YOUR
SUPERIORS'
ORDERS.

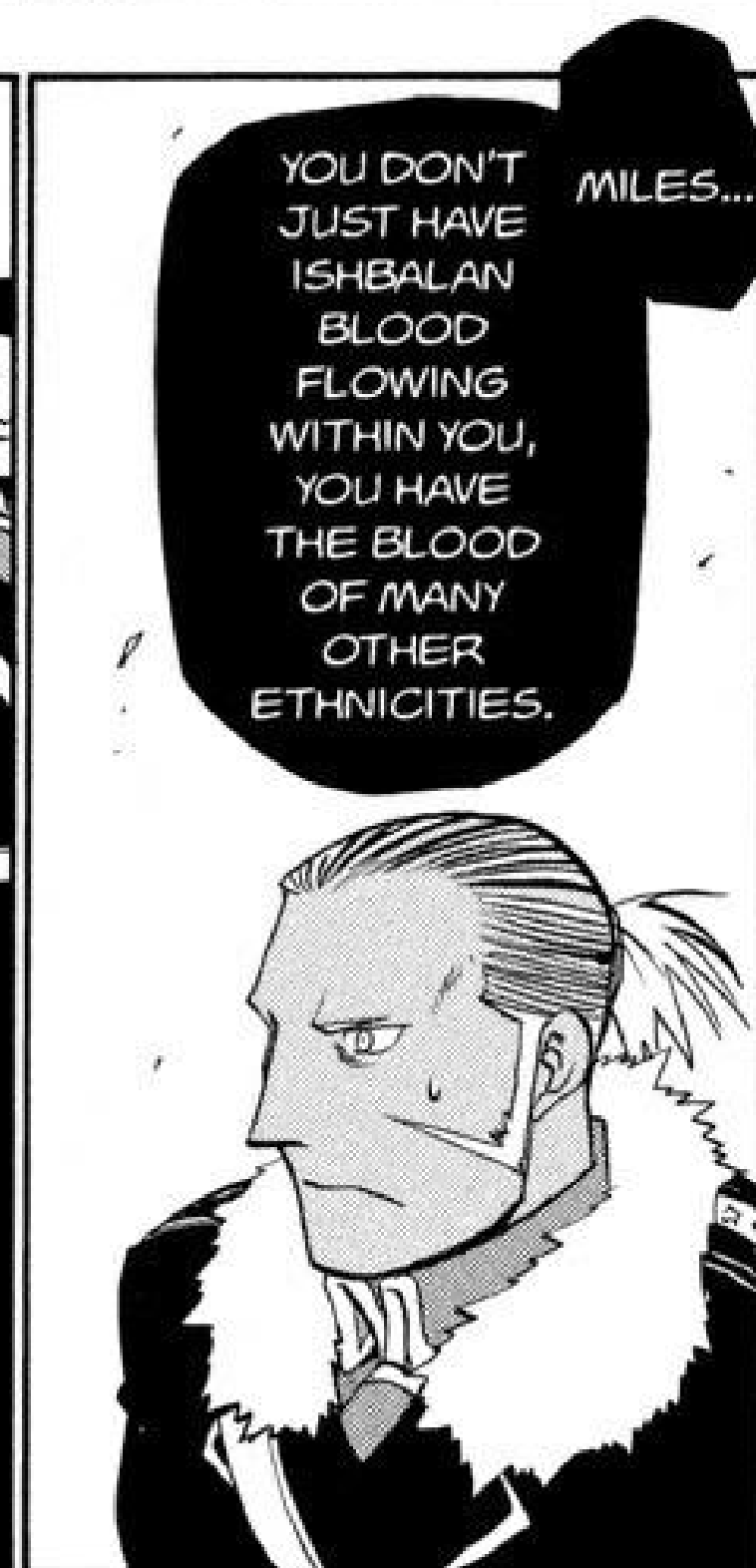


I WAS BORN
AND RAISED IN
AMESTRIS. IN
ORDER FOR ME
TO BE AN
EFFECTIVE
LEADER, I NEED
THE RESPECT OF
ALL MY MEN,
ESPECIALLY
PEOPLE LIKE
YOU, MILES.

SO STOP
WORRYING
AND JUST
FOLLOW MY
ORDERS.



IT APPEARS
TO ME THAT
IT'S BECAUSE
OF THAT BLOOD
THAT YOU VIEW
THIS COUNTRY
FROM A
UNIQUE
PERSPECTIVE.



YOU DON'T
JUST HAVE
ISHBALAN
BLOOD
FLOWING
WITHIN YOU,
YOU HAVE
THE BLOOD
OF MANY
OTHER
ETHNICITIES.

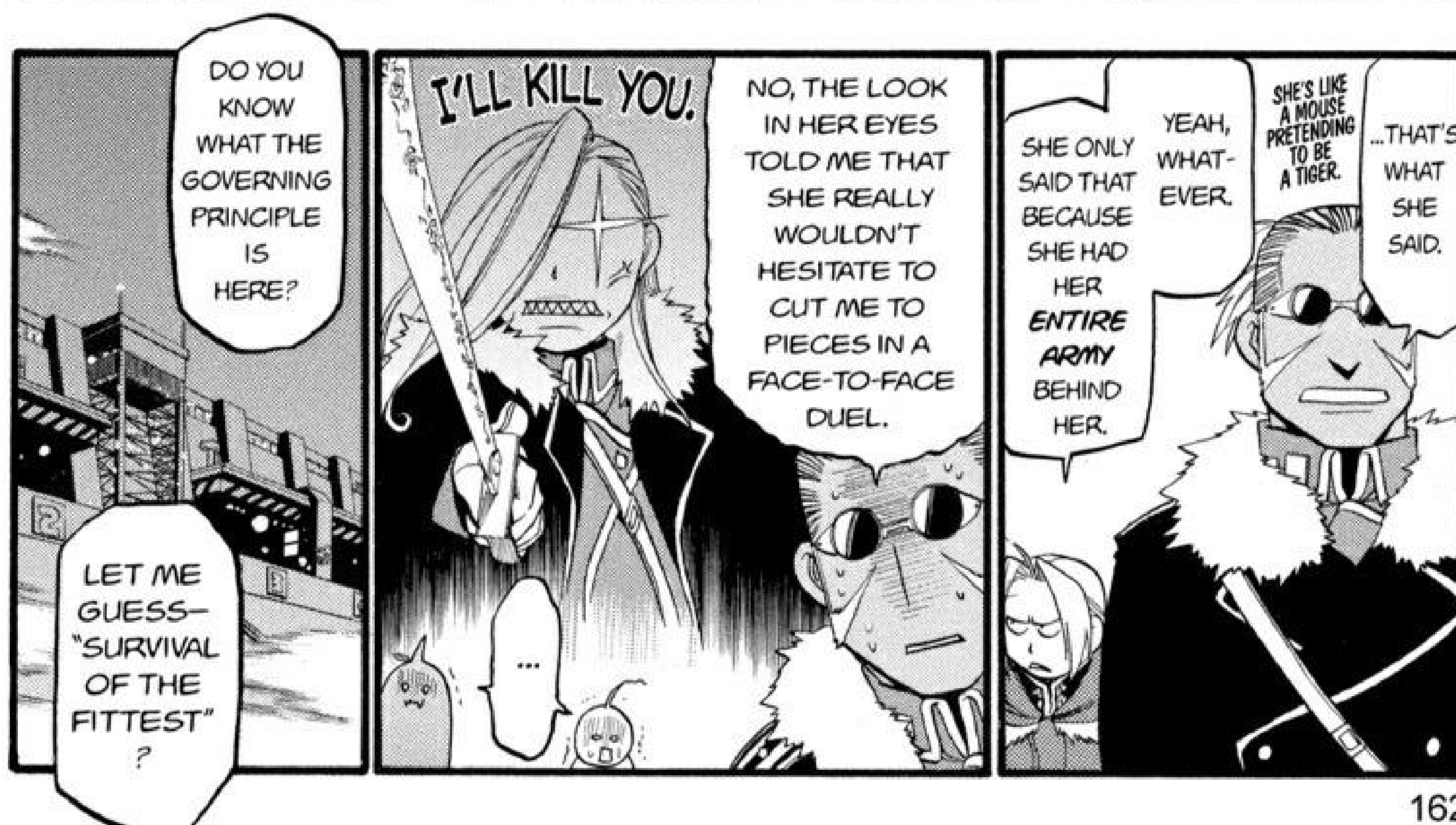
MILES...



HER WORDS...

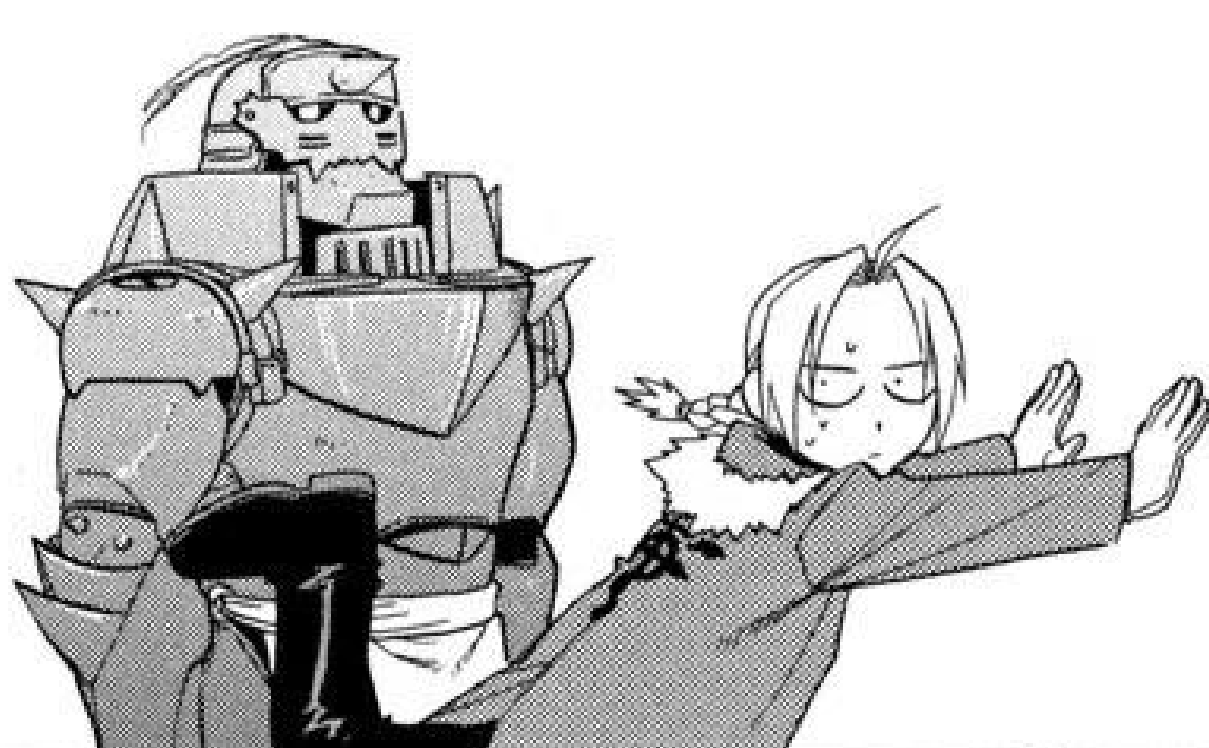


...WERE RATIONAL AND WITHOUT DECEIT.





K
L
A
T
A



THAT WAS **ALSO** AN EXAMPLE OF SURVIVAL OF THE **FIT-TEST**.

LUCK WAS ON YOUR SIDE—THAT'S WHY YOU SURVIVED.



IF YOU HADN'T TRIPPED, YOUR HEAD WOULD'VE BEEN SPLIT IN TWO.

KRIK



THAT'S...

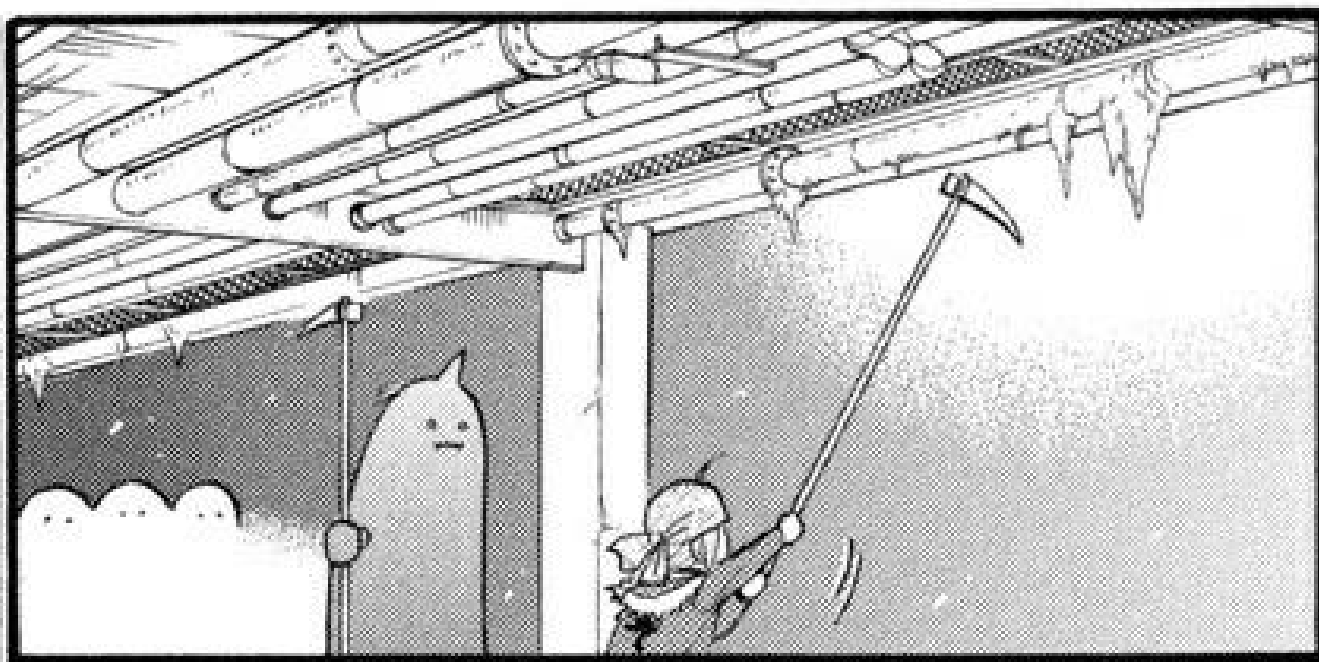
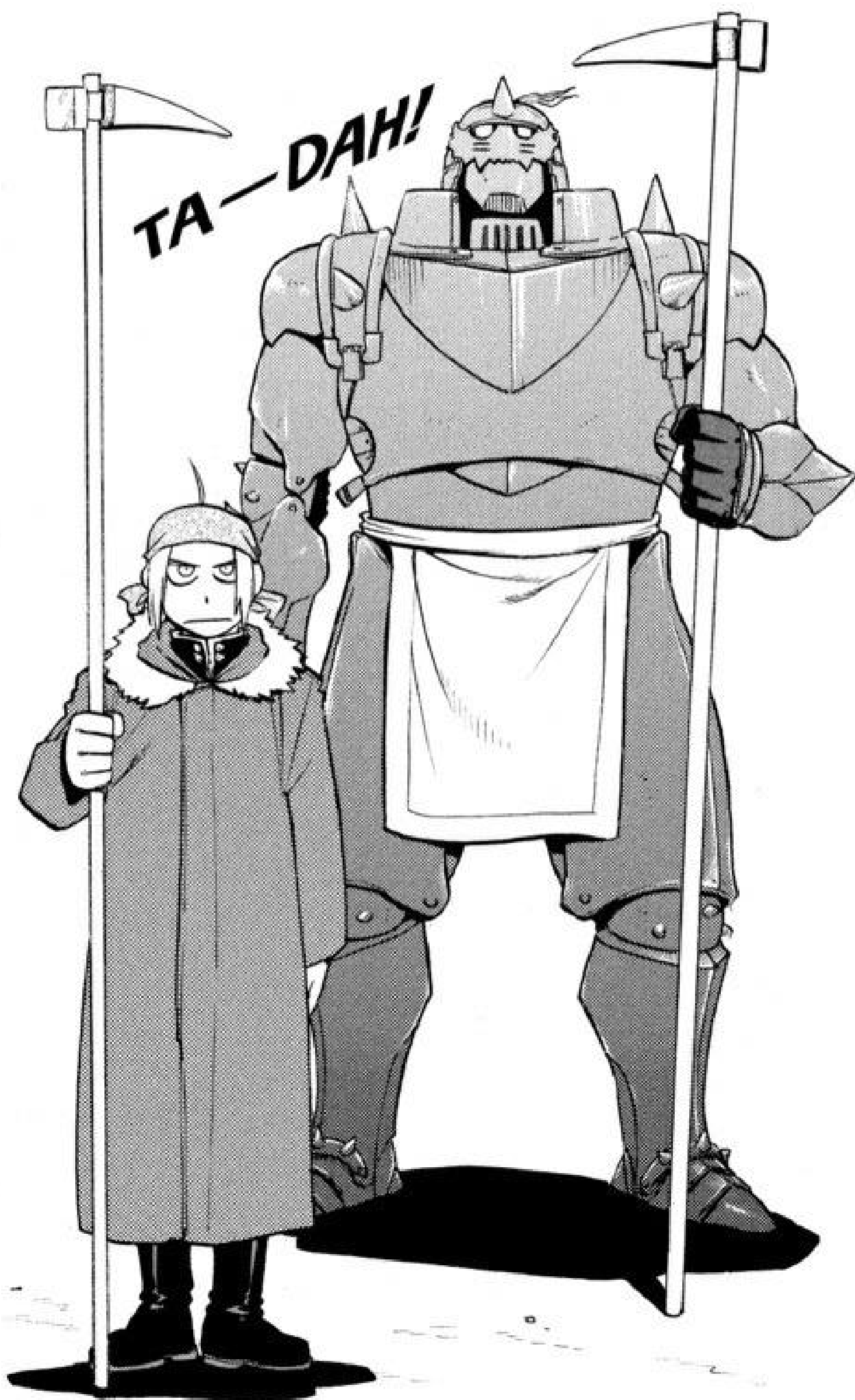
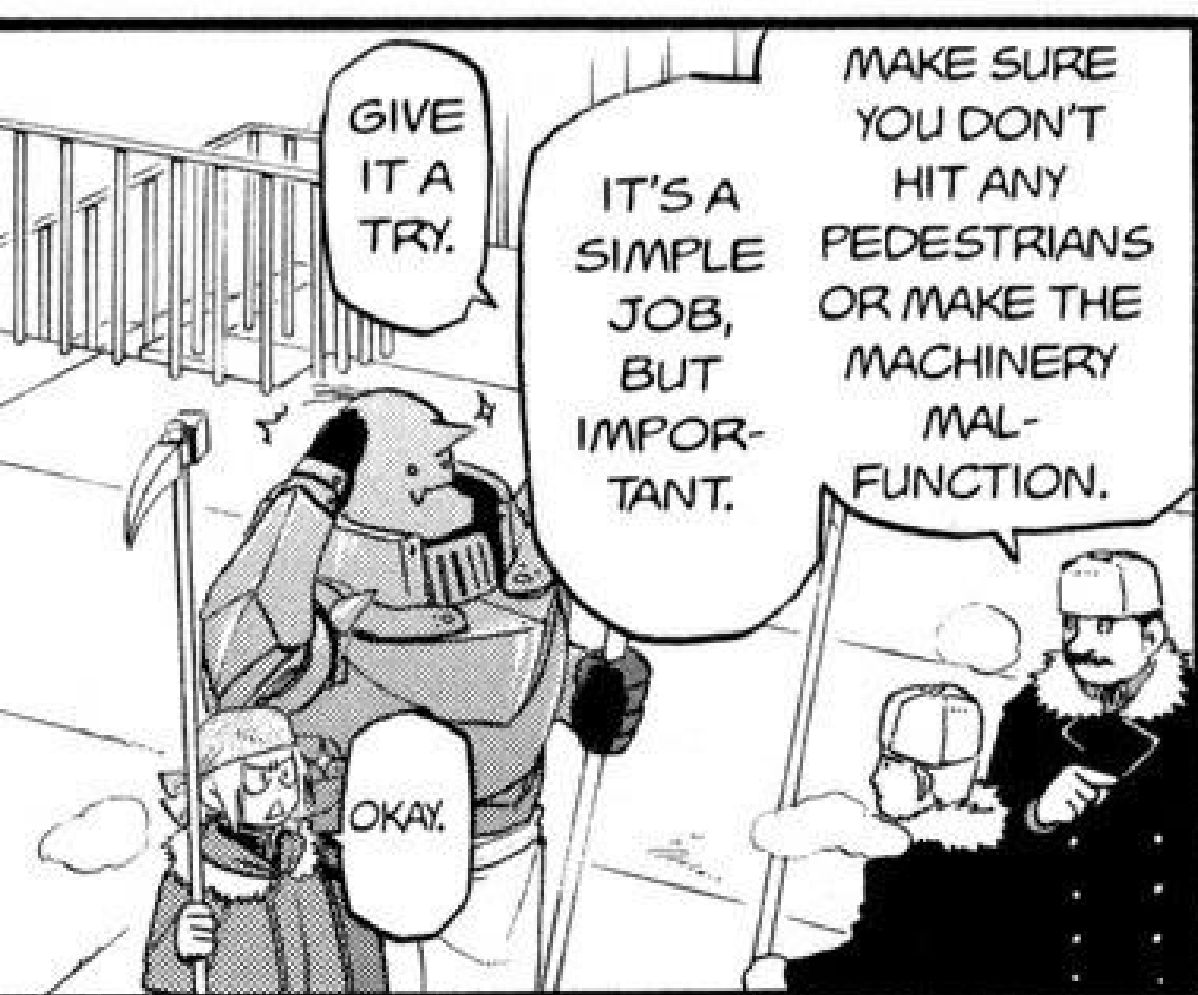
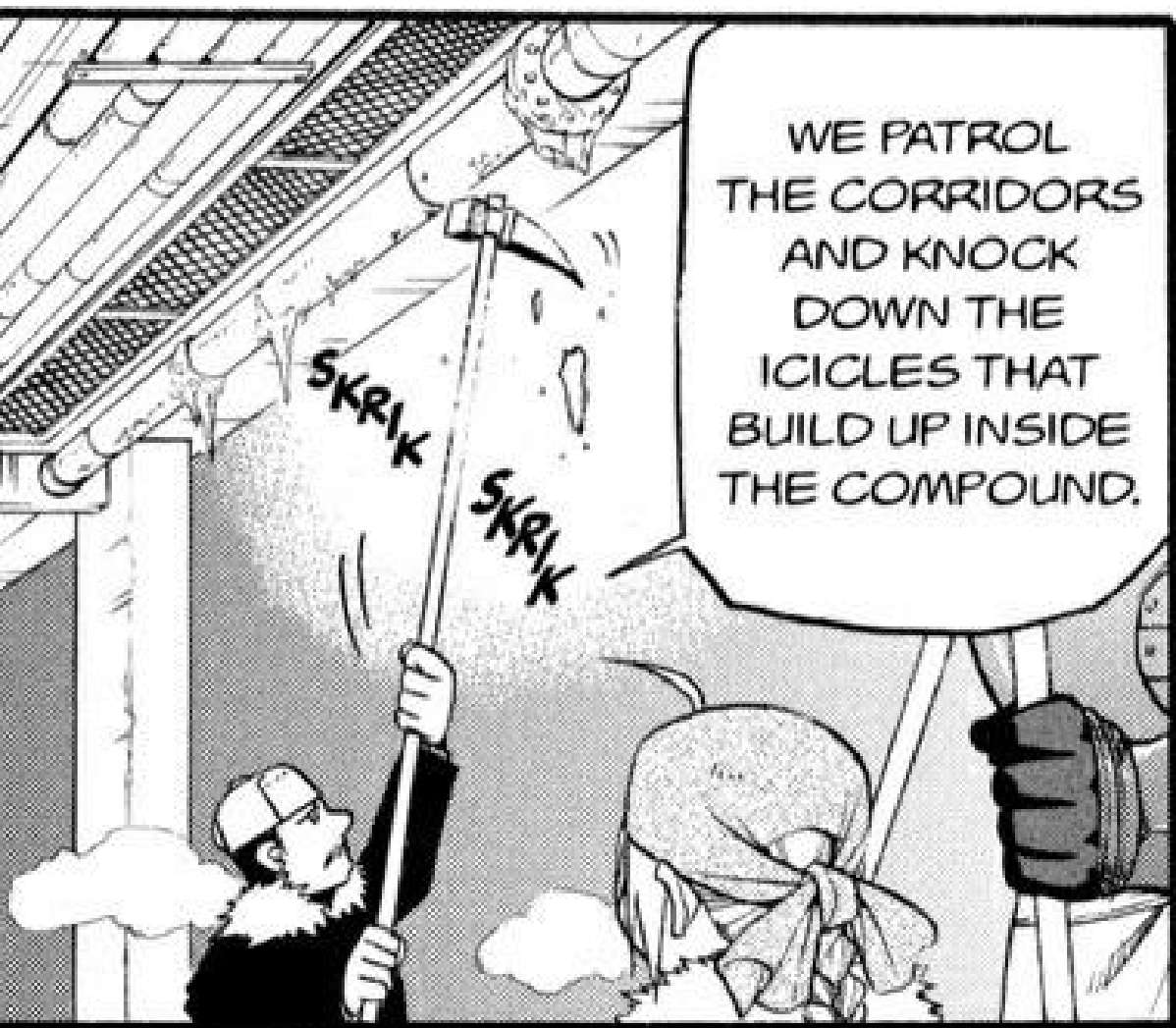
...NOW **YOUR** JOB.

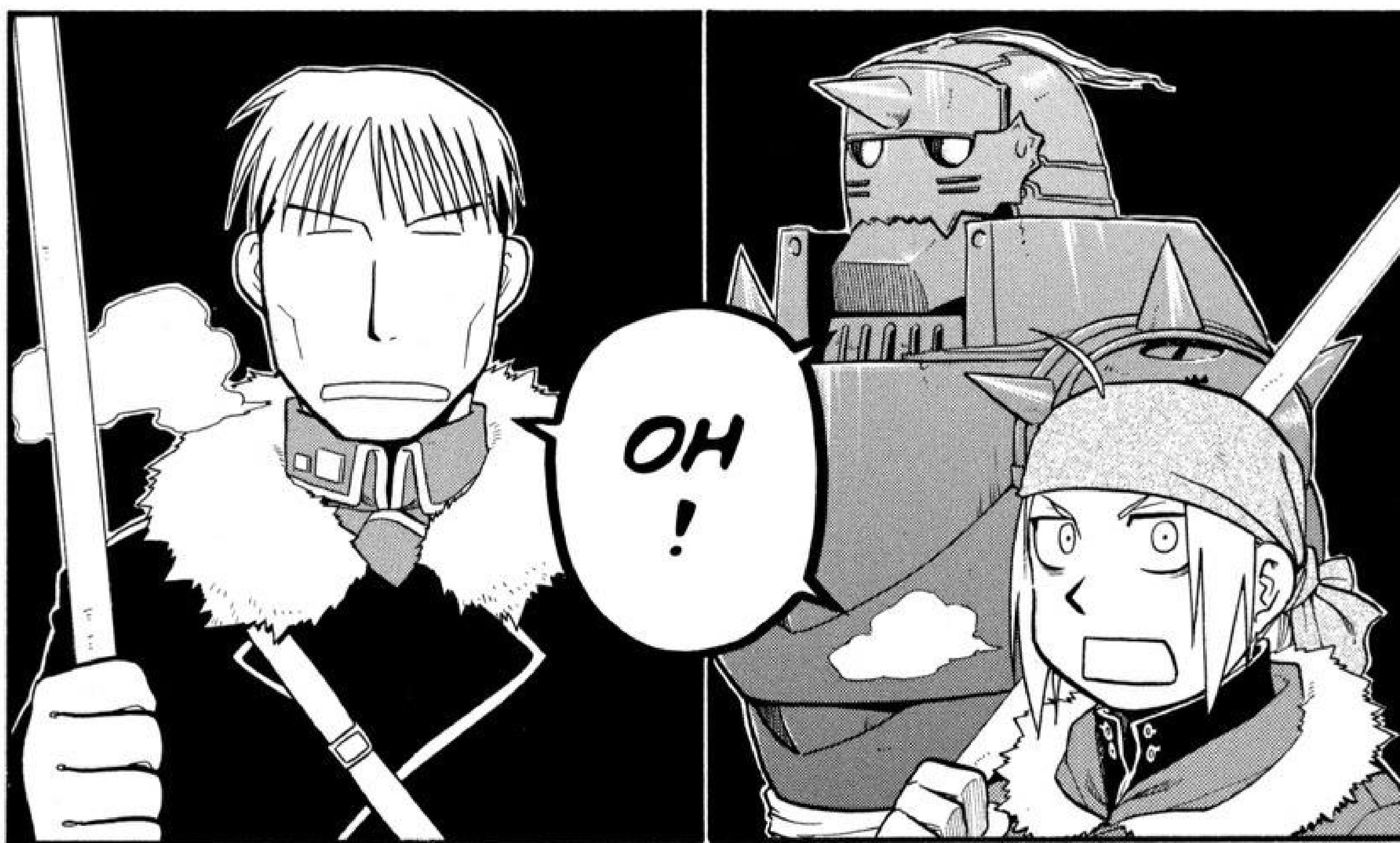
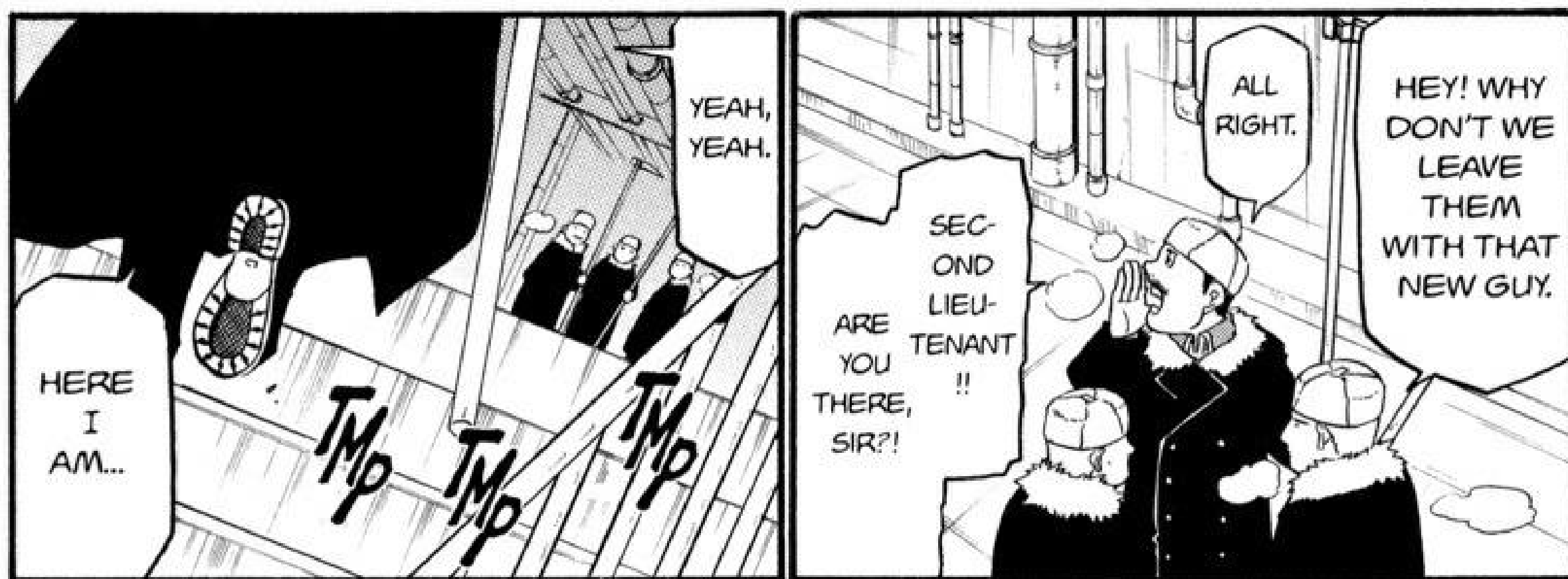


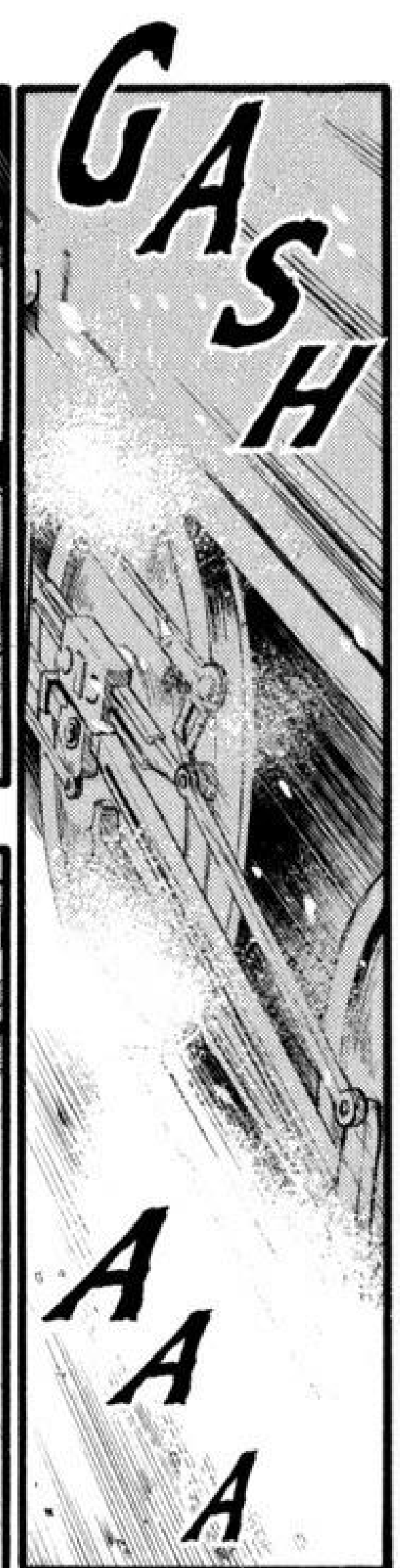
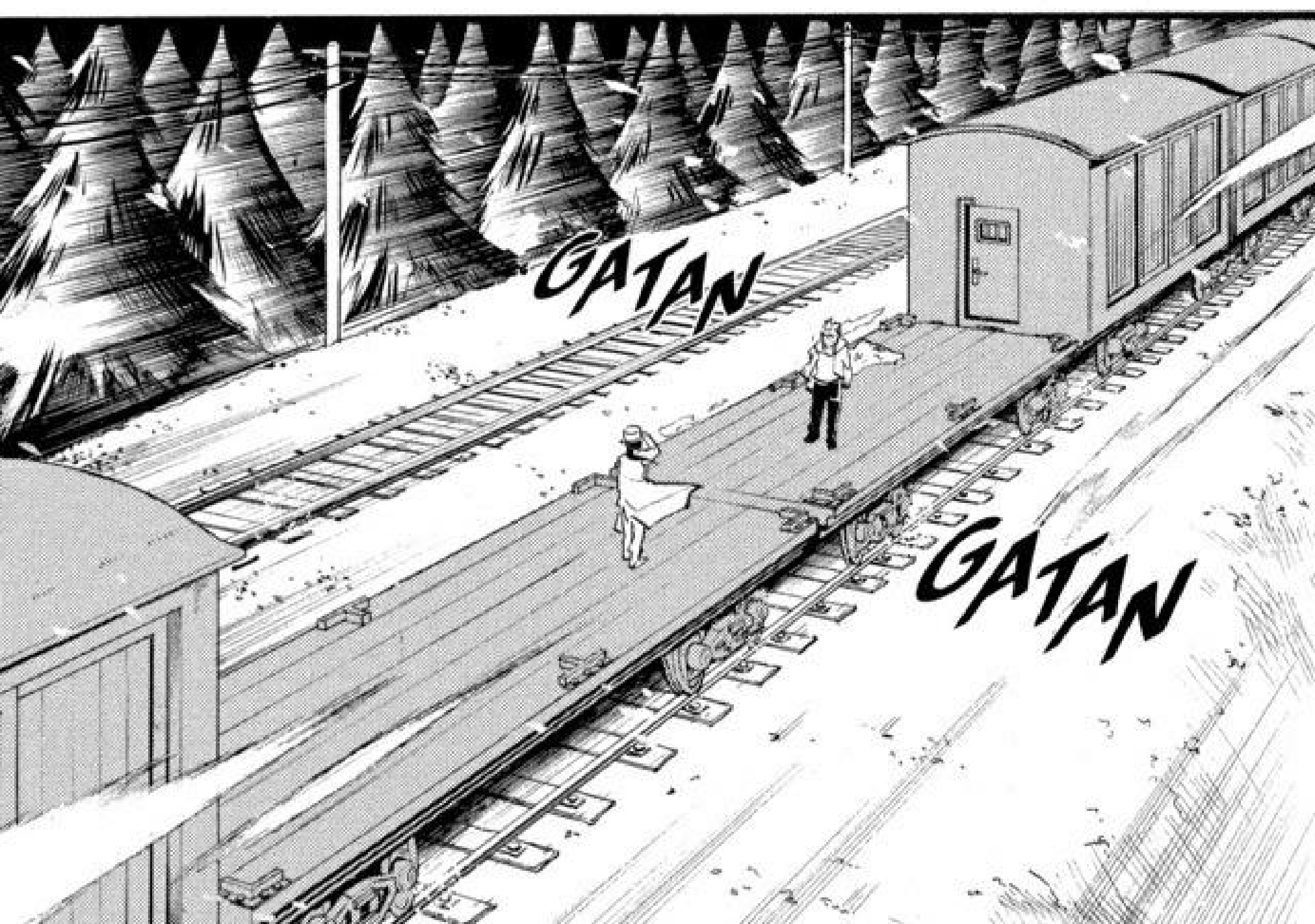
TSK... THE DETAIL IN CHARGE OF KNOCKING DOWN THE ICICLES MUST BE SLACKING OFF.



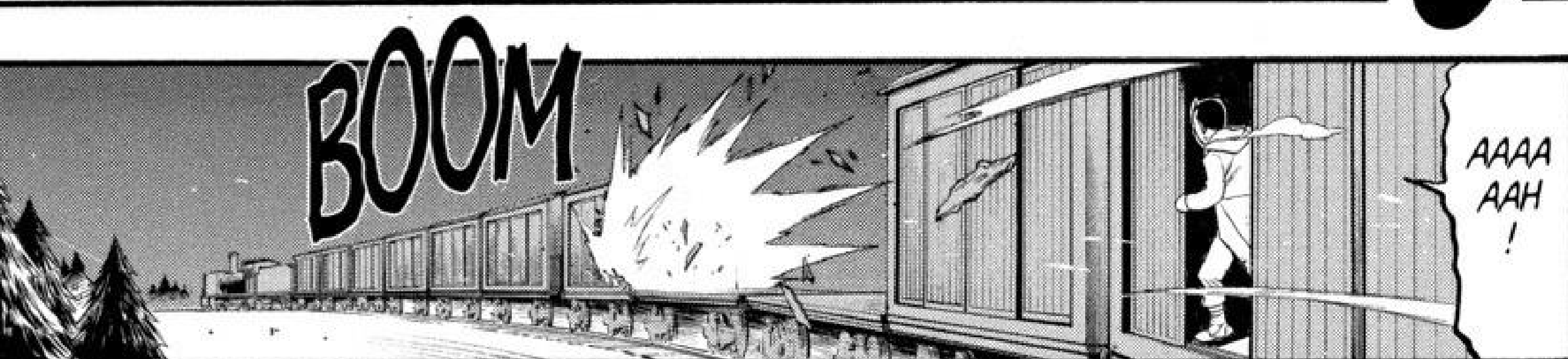
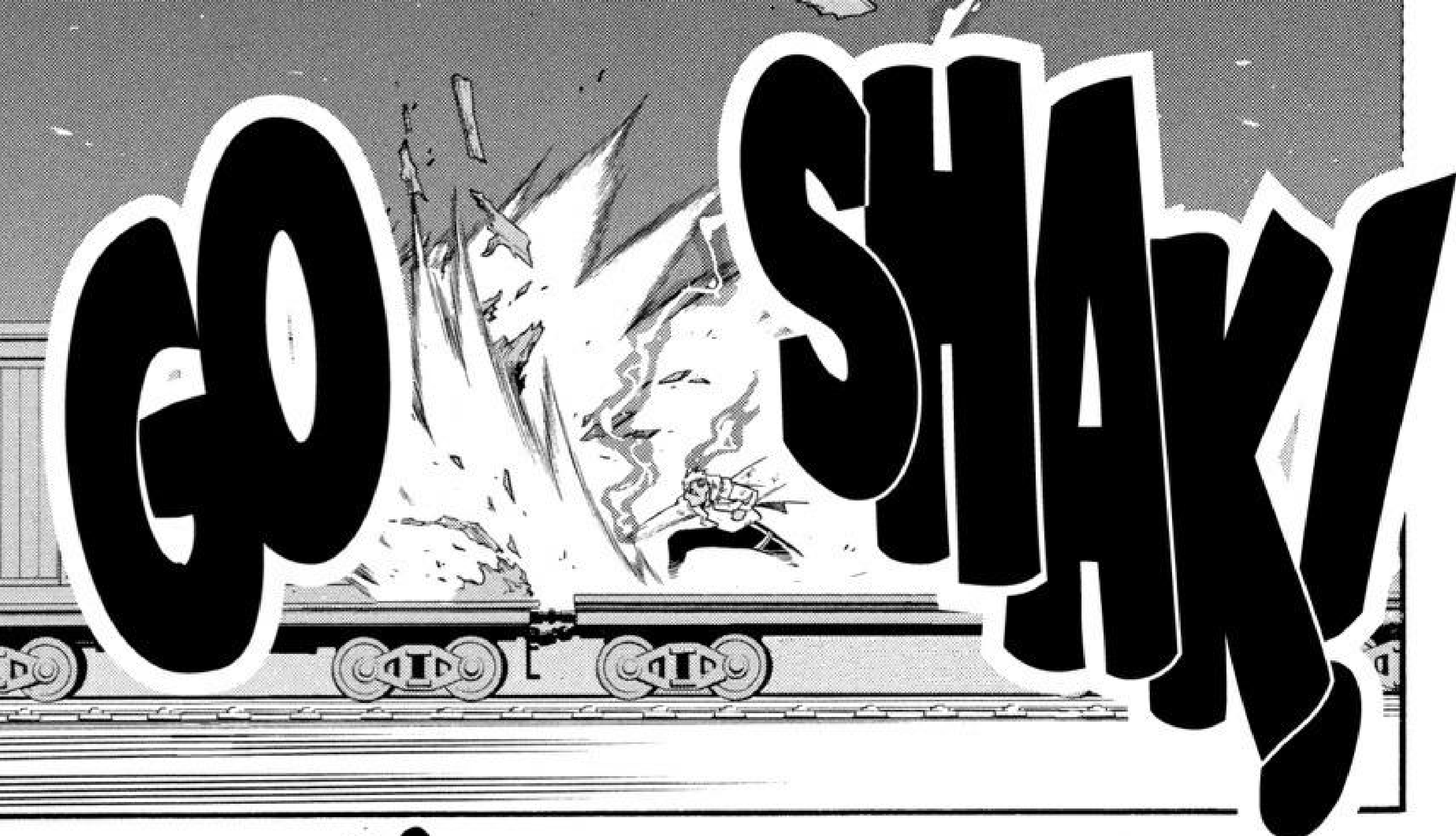
HEH HEH...





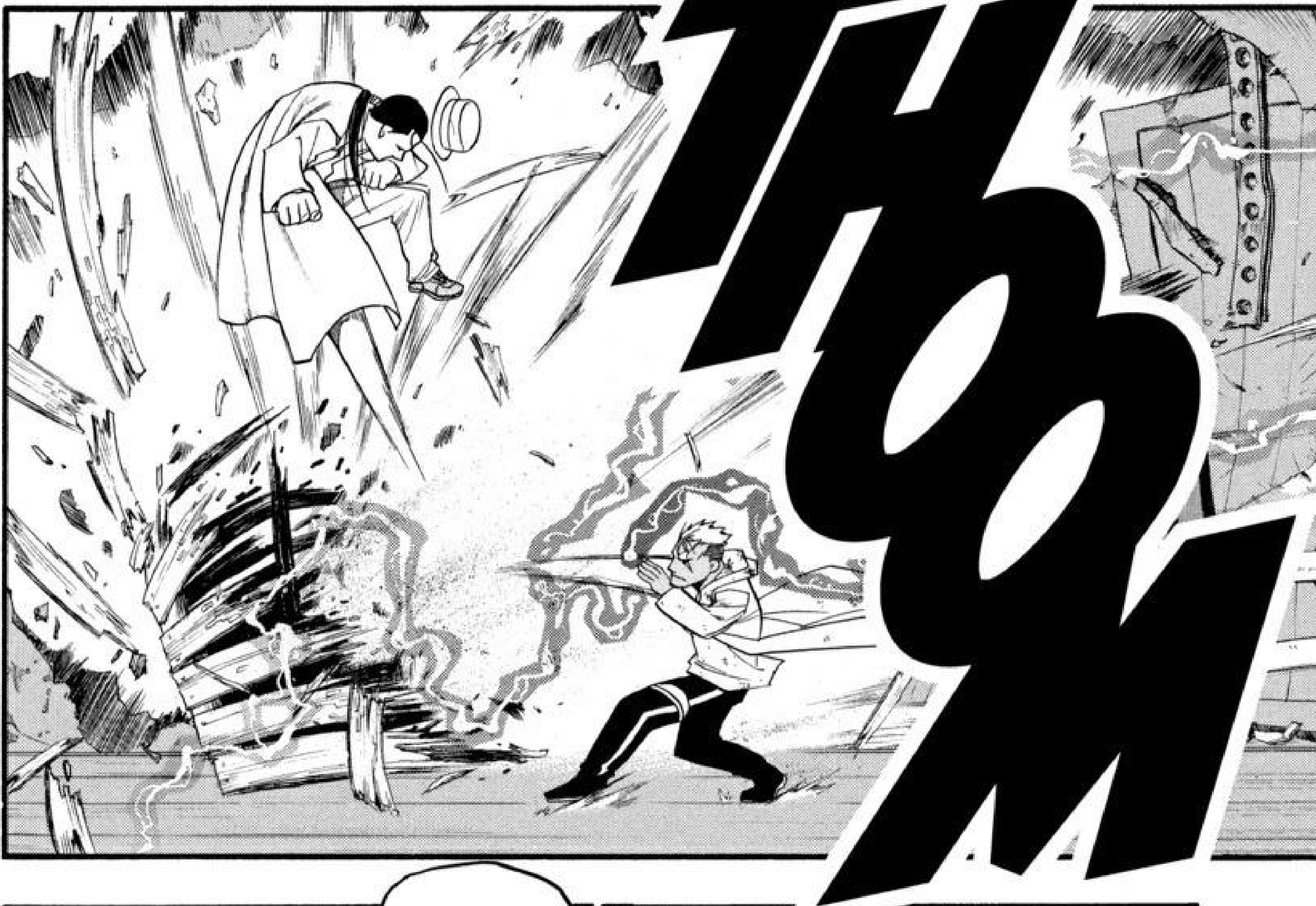








THIS ISN'T GOOD.



...BEEN FIGHTING NON-STOP SINCE THE CIVIL WAR ENDED.

I'M AT A DISADVANTAGE, IN TERMS OF ENDURANCE.

KLATTA

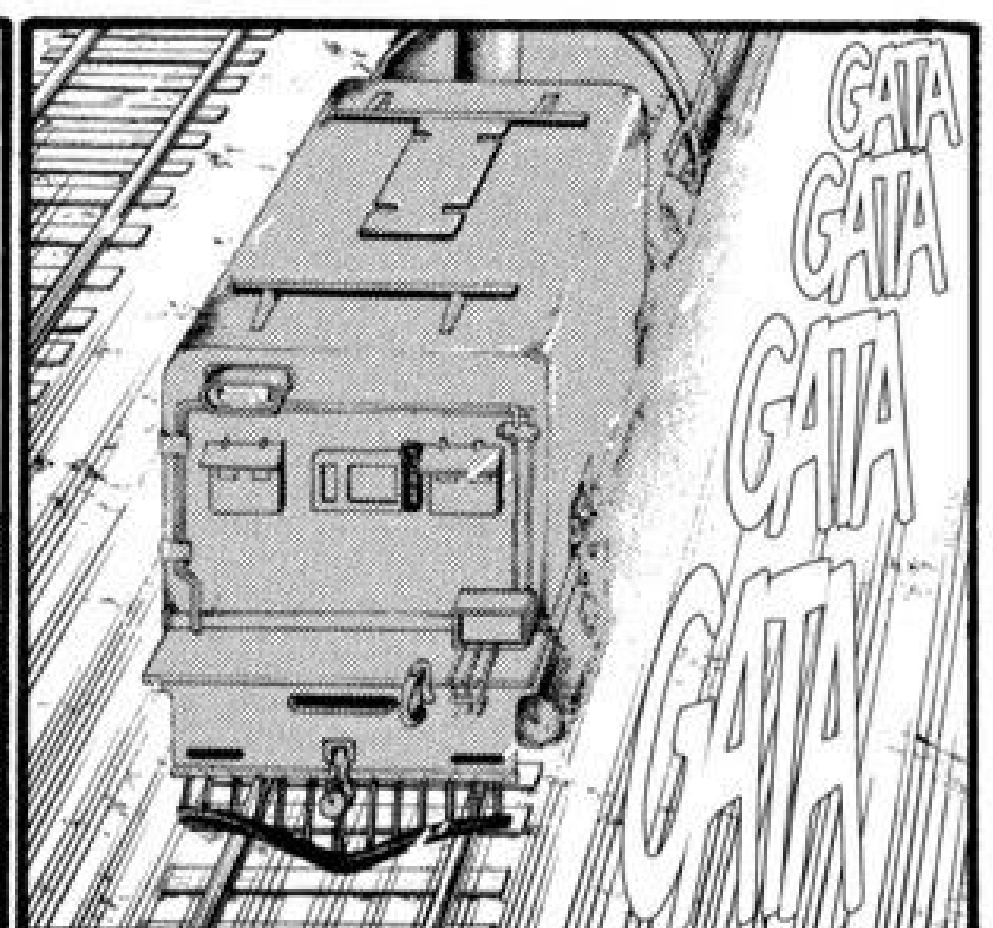
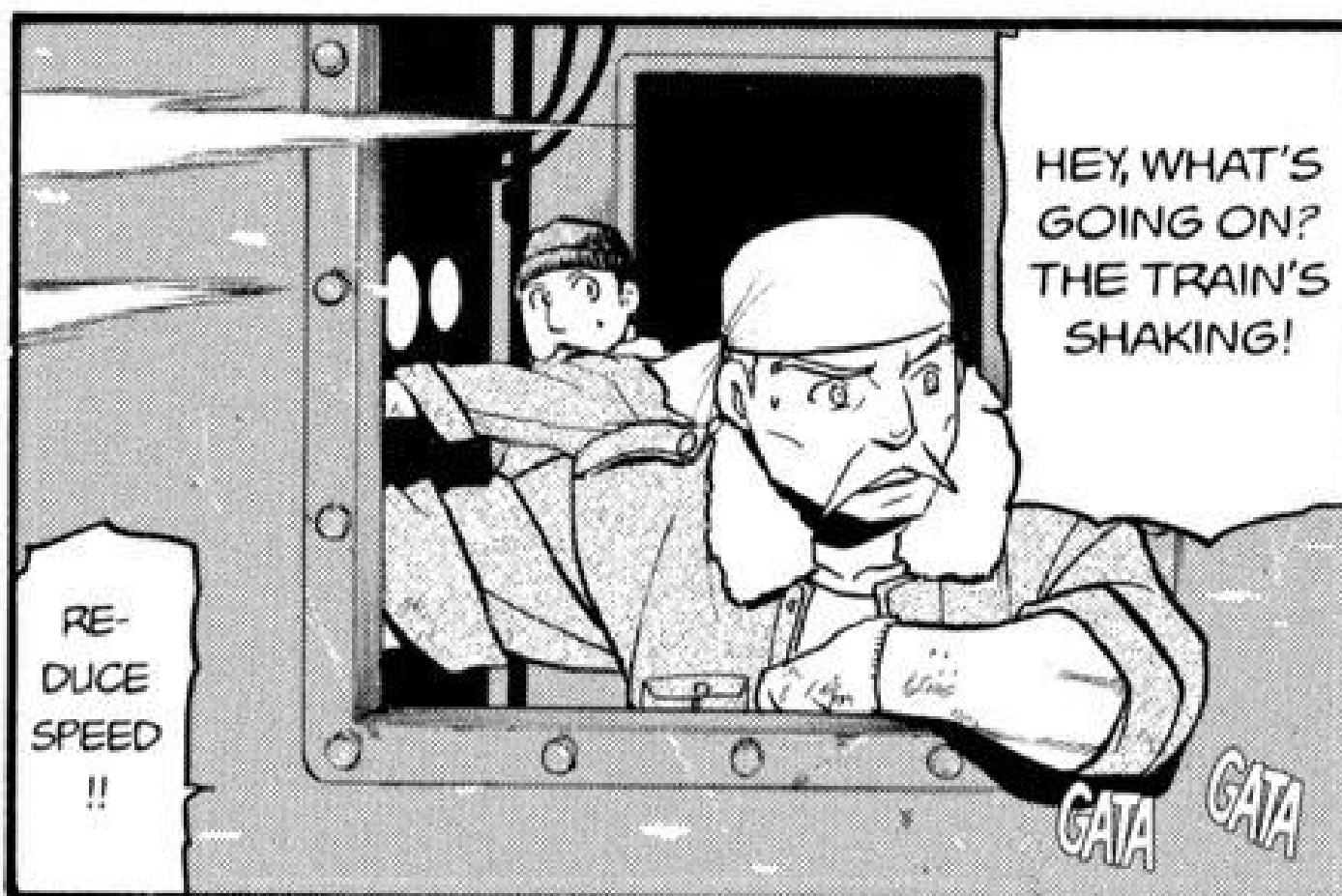
KLUNK

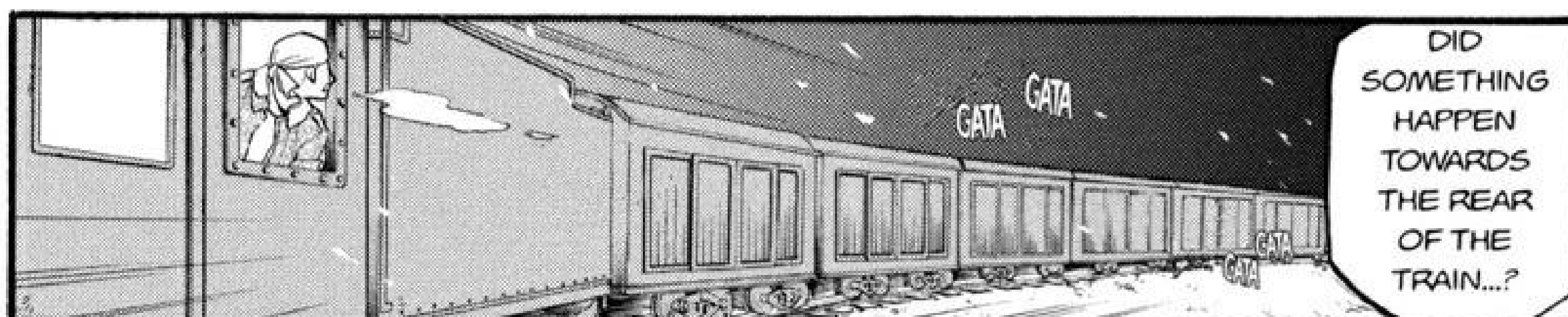


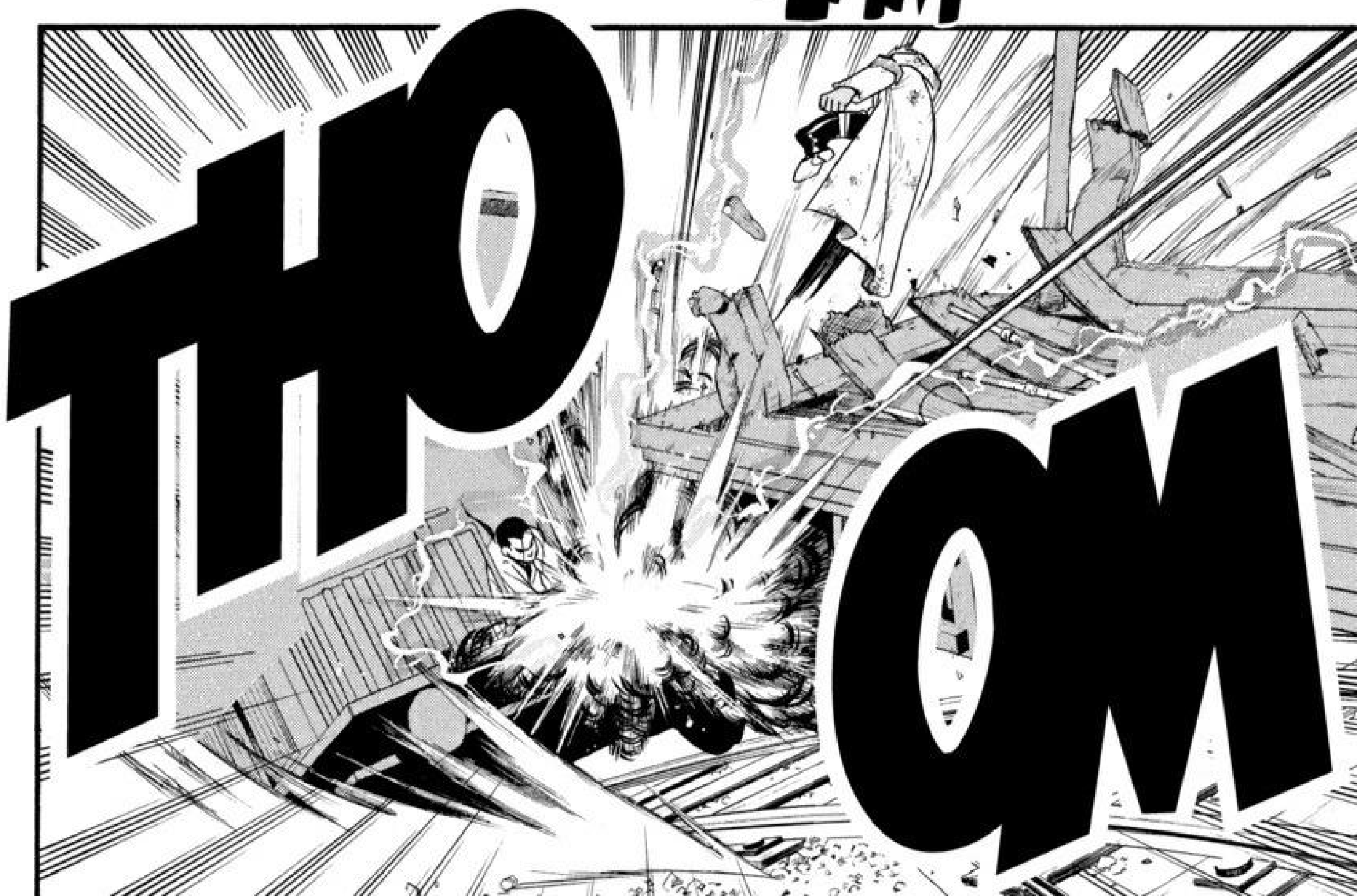
SKKKKKID

I'M STILL OUT OF SHAPE FROM ALL THAT TIME IN PRISON, WHILE HE HAS...











THIS IS AN UNFORGIVABLE HUMILIATION, SCAR.



I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M BEING FORCED TO ESCAPE.

SKE SKE SKE SKE



NEXT TIME, LET US SETTLE THE SCORE.

HEH...
HA HA HA !!

SKE SKE

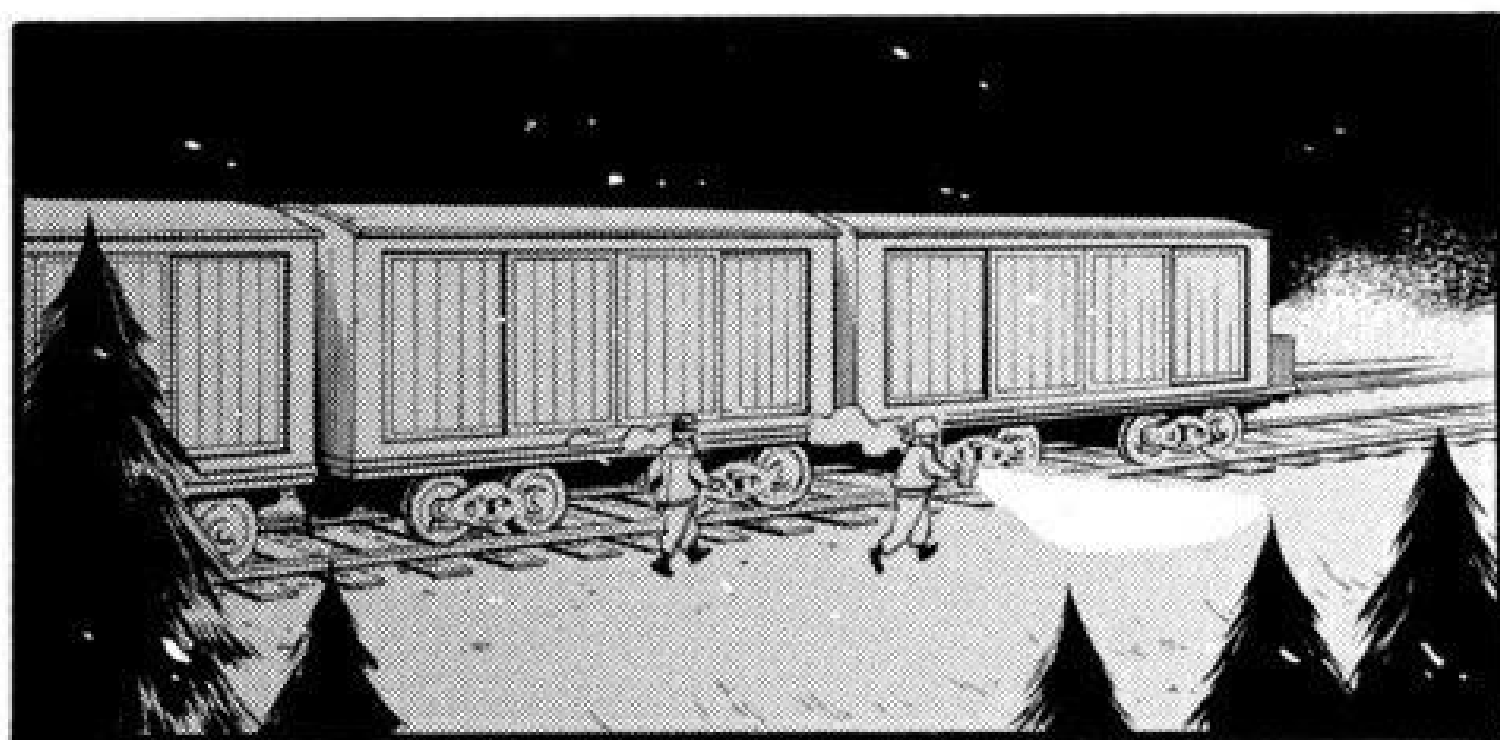


KIMBLE!

AFTER ALL, THE THIRD TIME'S THE CHARM.



HA...
HA HA HA HA HA !!







...THIS
BATTLE-
FIELD
OF
MINE!!



ONLY
WORK
WHERE
I CAN
RISK MY
SOUL
HAS ANY
BEAUTY.

DEATH
MEANS
NOTHING
TO ME...

HOW
GLORI-
OUS
IT IS...



COMBAT
AUTO-
MAIL,
TOO?

UH-
HUH.

LET'S
GO
OVER
HERE
NEXT.



ALL OF
THE MOST
CUTTING EDGE
TECHNOLOGY
IN AMESTRIS
IS GATHERED
HERE FOR
WEAPONS
DEVELOP-
MENT.

MAJOR
GENERAL
ARM-
STRONG'S
LITTLE
PRO-
JECT.

WHOA...
WHAT
IS ALL
THIS?



THIS
IS THE
RESEARCH
AND
DEVELOP-
MENT
LEVEL.



GLON

IT'S
WARM
IN
HERE !

COM-
PLETLY
DIF-
FERENT
FROM UP
THERE.



GLON
GLON

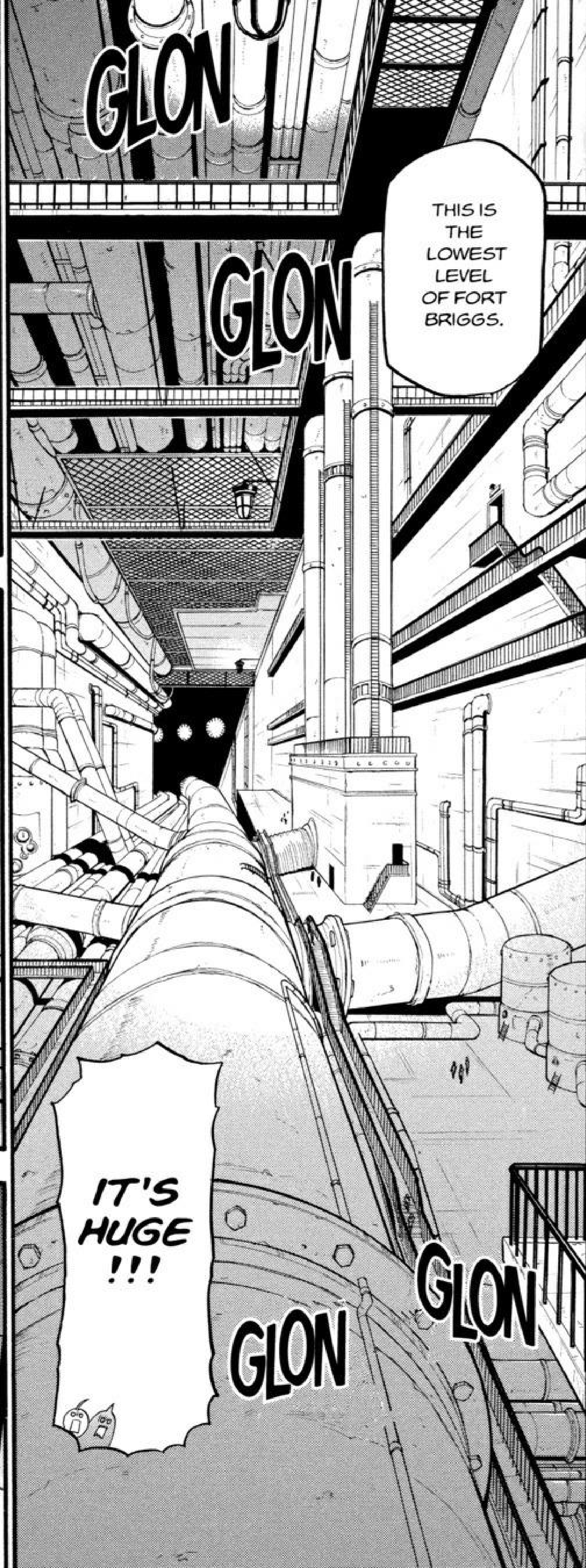
THESE
PIPES
ARE THE
LIFELINE
OF THE
ENTIRE
FORT.

EVEN
IF THE
FORT GETS
ATTACKED
UP ABOVE,
THIS
CENTRAL
CORE
WILL STAY
SAFE.



GLON

WOW...



GLON

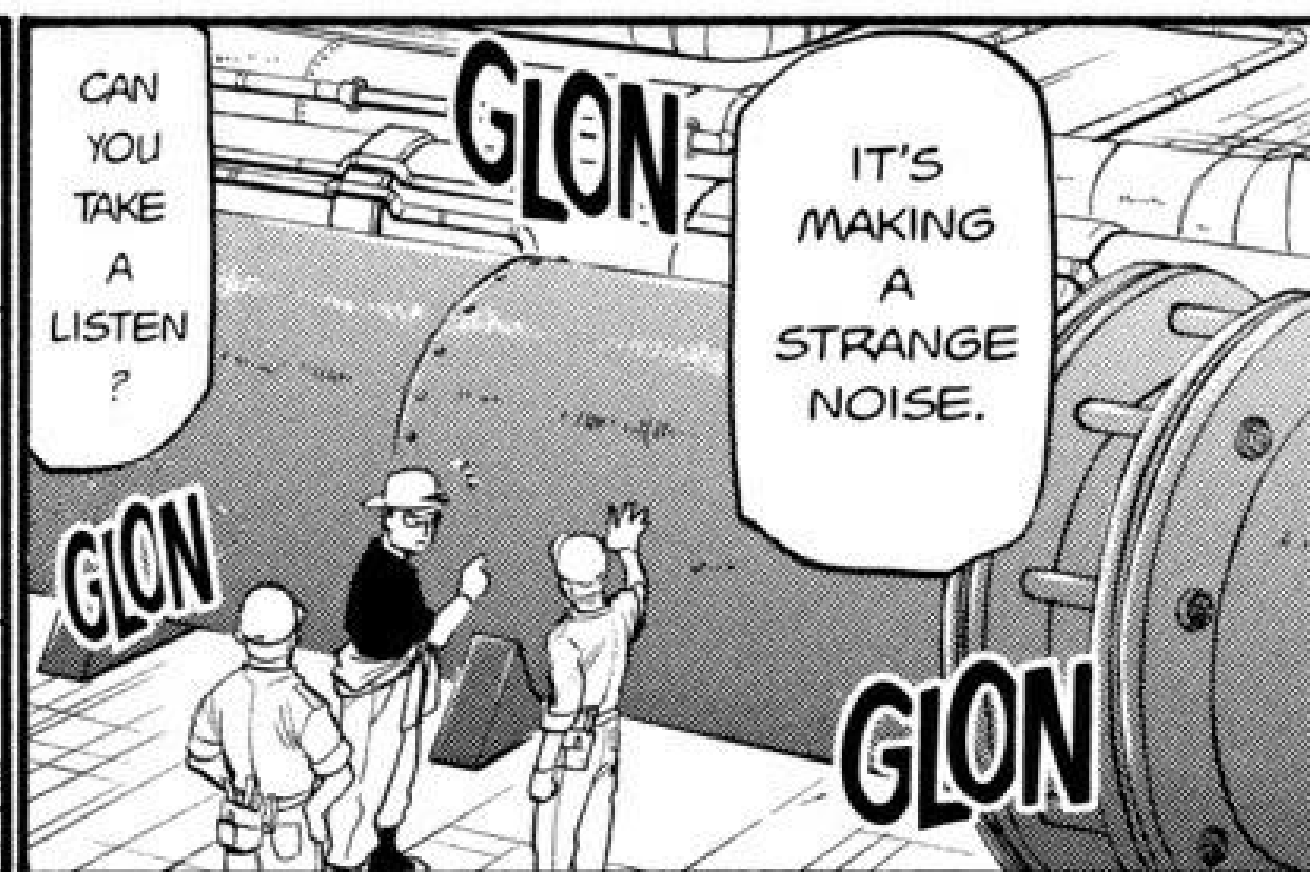
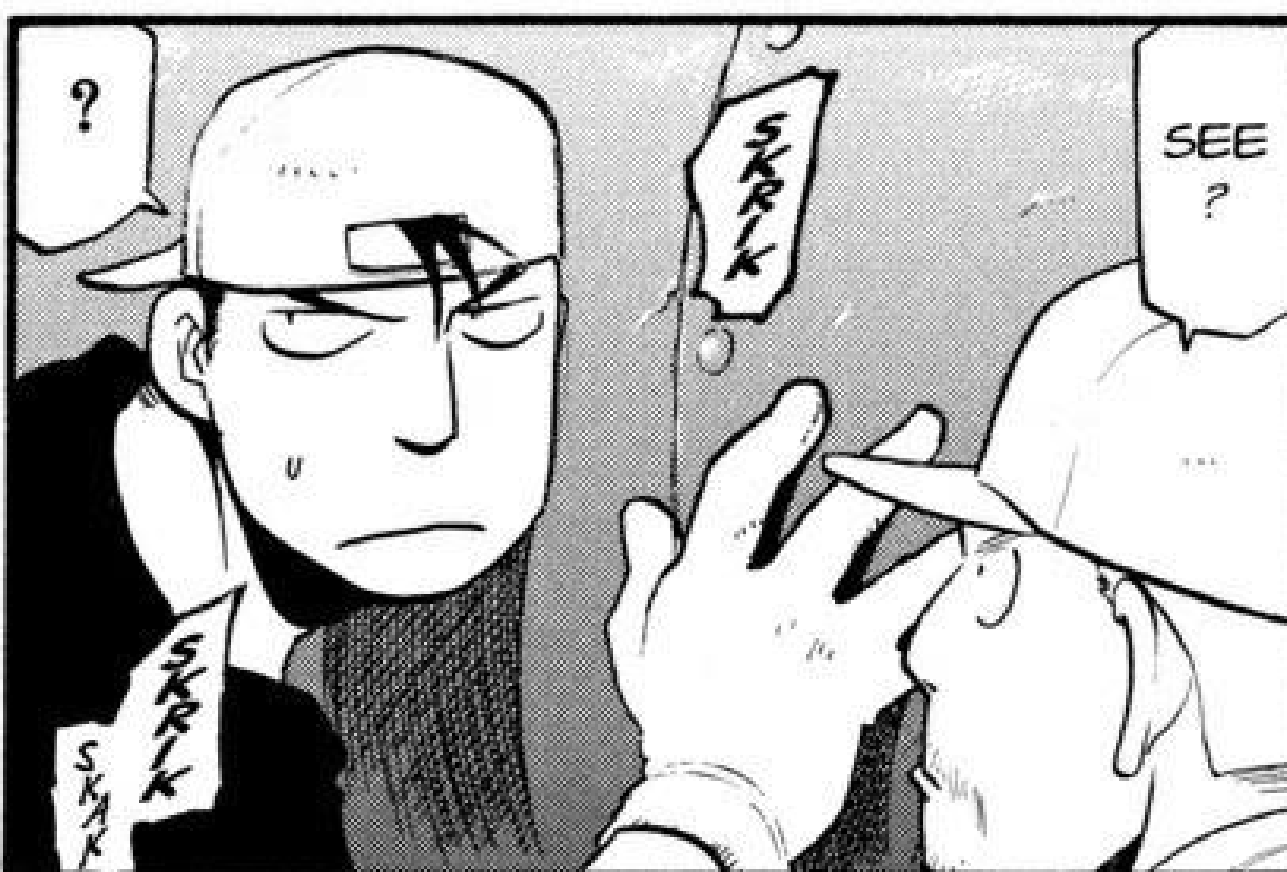
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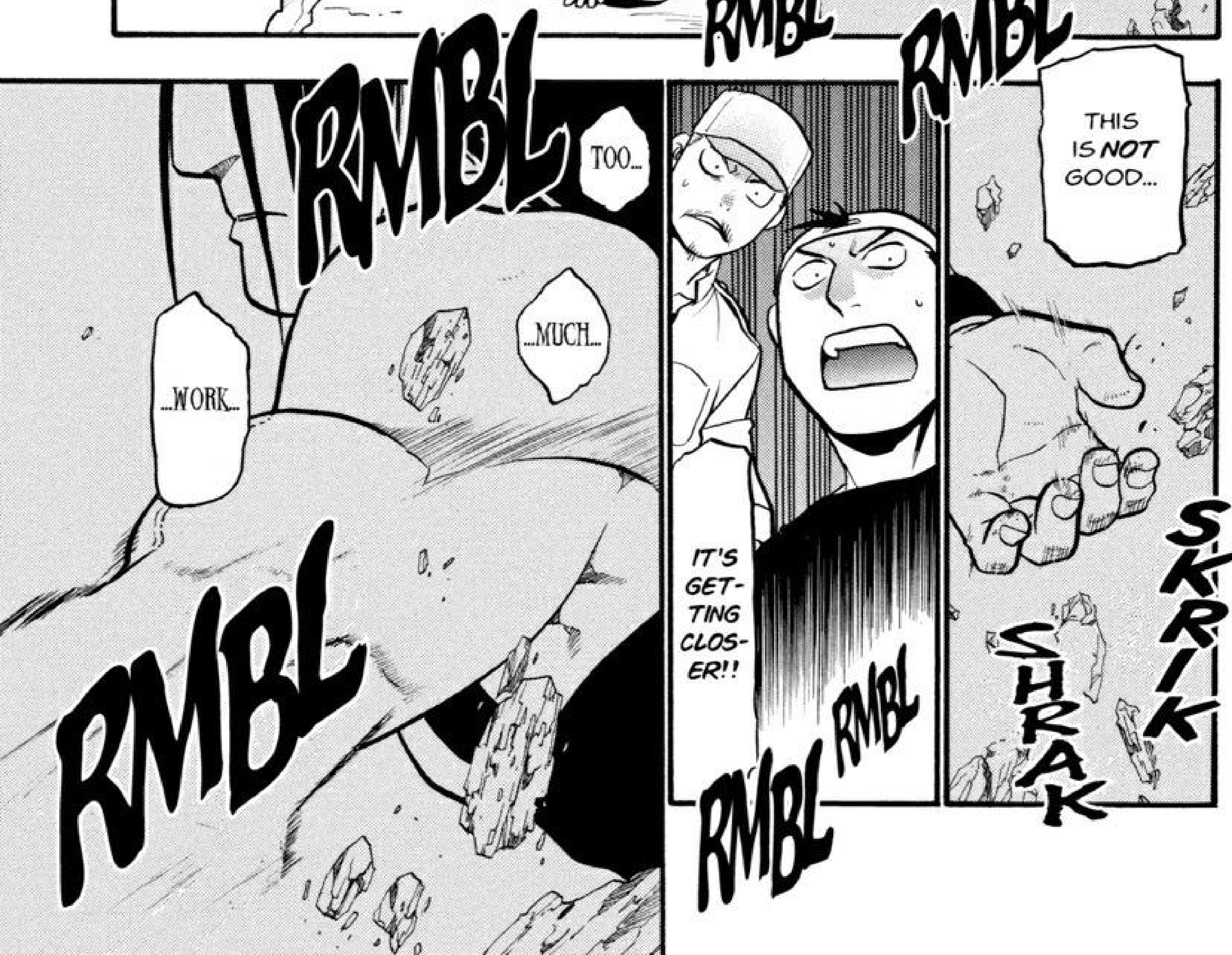
THIS IS
THE
LOWEST
LEVEL
OF FORT
BRIGGS.

IT'S
HUGE
!!!

GLON

GLON







RMBL RMBL RMBL

IT'S SO MUCH WORK THAT...

I FEEL LIKE I'M GOING TO DIE

BUT...

...DYING IS...

IT'S TOO...
...MUCH WORK...

...TOO...

...MUCH...

...WORK...

RL RMBL RMBL RMBL RMBL



FULLMETAL
ALCHEMIST



SECRETS ARE REVEALED



EDWARD AND THE MAGIC LAMP 2



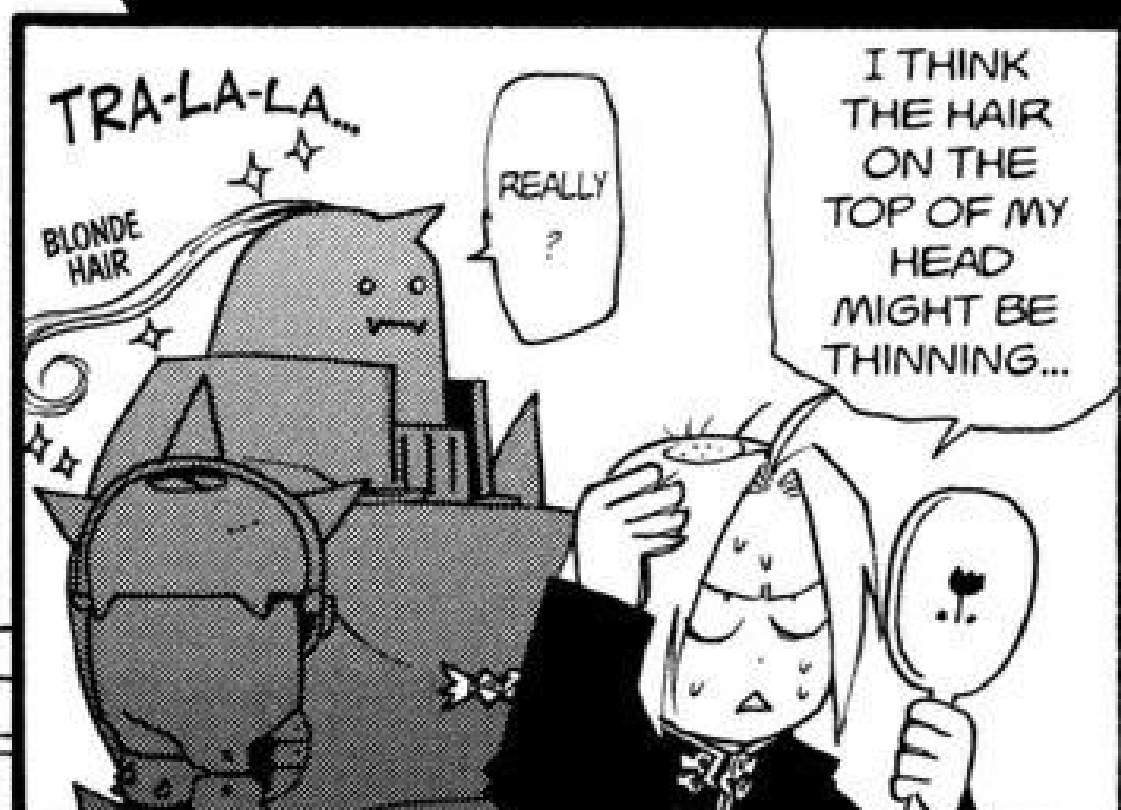
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The announcement
of new book
予告 おこく



INSIDE A TRUTH WITH NO ESCAPE,
TERROR MAKES THE DARKNESS GROW...

WHO IN THE WORLD CAN STOP THIS DARKNESS?!



★ VERY USEFUL SCIENCE ★

LET'S MAKE AN ELECTROMAGNET!!

...AN
ELECTRO-
MAGNET!

TA - PA

THINK
YOU
BOYS
NEED

WHICH
WAY IS
NORTH
?

IN
VOLUME 16
WE'RE
SUPPOSED
TO HEAD
NORTH,
BUT...

**A
R
R
G
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B**

...WE ADD
ELECTRICITY!

NEXT...

FIRST, WE
WIND THIS
COPPER
WIRE AROUND
A SOFT IRON
CORE.

ACTUALLY, THE
STEEL IN ED'S
AUTO-MAIL
CONTAINS MORE
THAN 1% CARBON,
SO IT'S HARDLY
SOFT IRON!

THE
SECRET
IS TO
USE A
SOFT
IRON
CORE!

TRY IT,
IF YOU
GET
LOST!

SOFT IRON:
IRON WHICH
CONTAINS
LESS
THAN 0.02%
CARBON

SO NORTH
IS THAT WAY
THAN
BRO



...THE ELECTRICAL
CURRENT
MAGNETIZES THE
SOFT IRON CORE,
TRANSFORMING IT
INTO A MAGNET.

AS YOU
CAN SEE...

DUE NORTH

A WARNING FROM THE EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT:
PLEASE DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME!

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